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Yugoslavs Going To Wedding Rather Than To A War

BERLIN RECALLS ENVOY

The German Government is recalling its Minister in Belgrade, von Heeren, according to usually well-informed circles in the Yugoslavian capital last night.

The former Yugoslav Prime Minister, Tsetkovitch, and the former Foreign Minister, Cincar-Markovitch, are under house arrest, but other arrested Ministers have been released.

A NUMBER OF OTHER PERSONS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, INCLUDING THE CHIEF OF THE CITY POLICE, THE CHIEF CENSOR, THE COMMISSAR FOR RADIO AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY.—REUTER.

YUGOSLAVIA CUT OFF FROM BULGARIA

Communications between Bulgaria and Yugoslavia were cut yesterday, according to a Sofia message to the official German news agency.

The message states that since the Belgrade coup there has been neither railway traffic nor telephone nor telegraphic communications between the two countries. — Reuter.

First Full Story Of Coup: Nazi Travel Bureau Burned Down

(Delayed By The Censorship)

THE COUP D'ETAT WHICH PLACED YOUNG KING PETER ON THE THRONE OF YUGOSLAVIA WAS COMPLETED WITHIN A SINGLE HOUR. PRECISE ORGANISATION AND SWIFT, QUIET EFFICIENCY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS RESULT AND IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT THIS REVOLUTION, UNLIKE MANY OTHERS, WAS ENTIRELY BLOODLESS.

King Peter assumed power at two o'clock in the morning. Immediately after this pose of 20 private soldiers led by an officer quietly "paraded" before the house of the Prime Minister, Tsvetkovitch, who was called from bed and politely informed by the officer that he was under arrest.

Other posses equally quietly and calmly arrested Cincar Markovitch and other members of the pro-Axis Government.

Meanwhile, General Simovitch, the new Prime Minister, called from their beds those Ministers who had resigned rather than be associated with the Axis Pact.

At seven o'clock in the morning all Yugoslav radio stations broadcast King Peter's proclamation with its stirring call.

Within an hour crowds were demonstrating outside the legations of foreign powers. In front of the British Legation crowds sang patriotic songs and carried national flags.

"Going To A Wedding"

At the Greek Legation the Greek Minister was carried shoulder high by the enthusiastic people as a tribute to the Greek people and army.

The German and Italian Legations were given a military guard in order to prevent undesirable incidents.

Meanwhile, other streets of the capital were filled with people forming processions, marching about waving flags and cheering King Peter and the army and demanding a pact with Russia.

Strain Vanishes

The strain which has been to some extent discernible on the faces of the people since the beginning of the anti-Democratic regime 12 years ago, and particularly in the past few weeks, has now entirely vanished.

Some damage was sustained by the German Travel Bureau during the morning and smoke was still rising from the building during the afternoon.

The "Frankoists"

All Croats who have taken office have agreed to cooperate with the new Government but the de-

AIR RAID DEATHS IN BRITAIN

THE IMPRESSIVE STRENGTH OF THE CIVILIAN FORCES IN BRITAIN AND THE EFFICACY OF THEIR WORK WAS STRESSED BY MISS ELLEN WILKINSON, JOINT PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTRY OF HOME SECURITY, SPEAKING AT NEWCASTLE, YESTERDAY.

The total number of persons employed in such services were 1,750,000, she said, and disclosed that latest figures of the number of civilians killed in all air raids on Britain since the outbreak of war was only 28,859, while seriously wounded aggregated 40,166.—Reuter.

GERMAN CITIES SUFFER IN R.A.F. BOMBARDMENTS

REPORTS REACHING the Air Ministry show that far greater punishment has been inflicted by the R.A.F. on German cities than is commonly understood.

YUGOSLAV NAVY IS TOUGH

(By Reuter's Naval Correspondent)

Although the Yugoslav Navy is small it is tough, and if Yugoslavia decided to fight against the Axis, it would give the remains of the Italian Navy a great deal of trouble.

The personnel of the Yugoslav Navy is 6,300 officers and men, with 1,120 on reserve. A number of officers, notably those in the submarine branch, have been trained with the British Navy.

The Fleet consists of four good destroyers with a fifth nearing completion, four submarines, two of them being modified versions of the British "One" type, eight

Although bomber pilots are deliberate and accurate in their offensive, preferring to wreck vital centres of production, it is inevitable that other damage is inflicted because many of the important areas lie in thickly populated districts.

Berlin has suffered cumulative damage and many civilians have been killed.

IN THE SERIES OF RAIDS ON BREMEN, 1,000 ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED AND 7,000 INJURED.

In Hanover a large area has been laid waste as a result of high explosive bombs and fires caused by incendiaries.

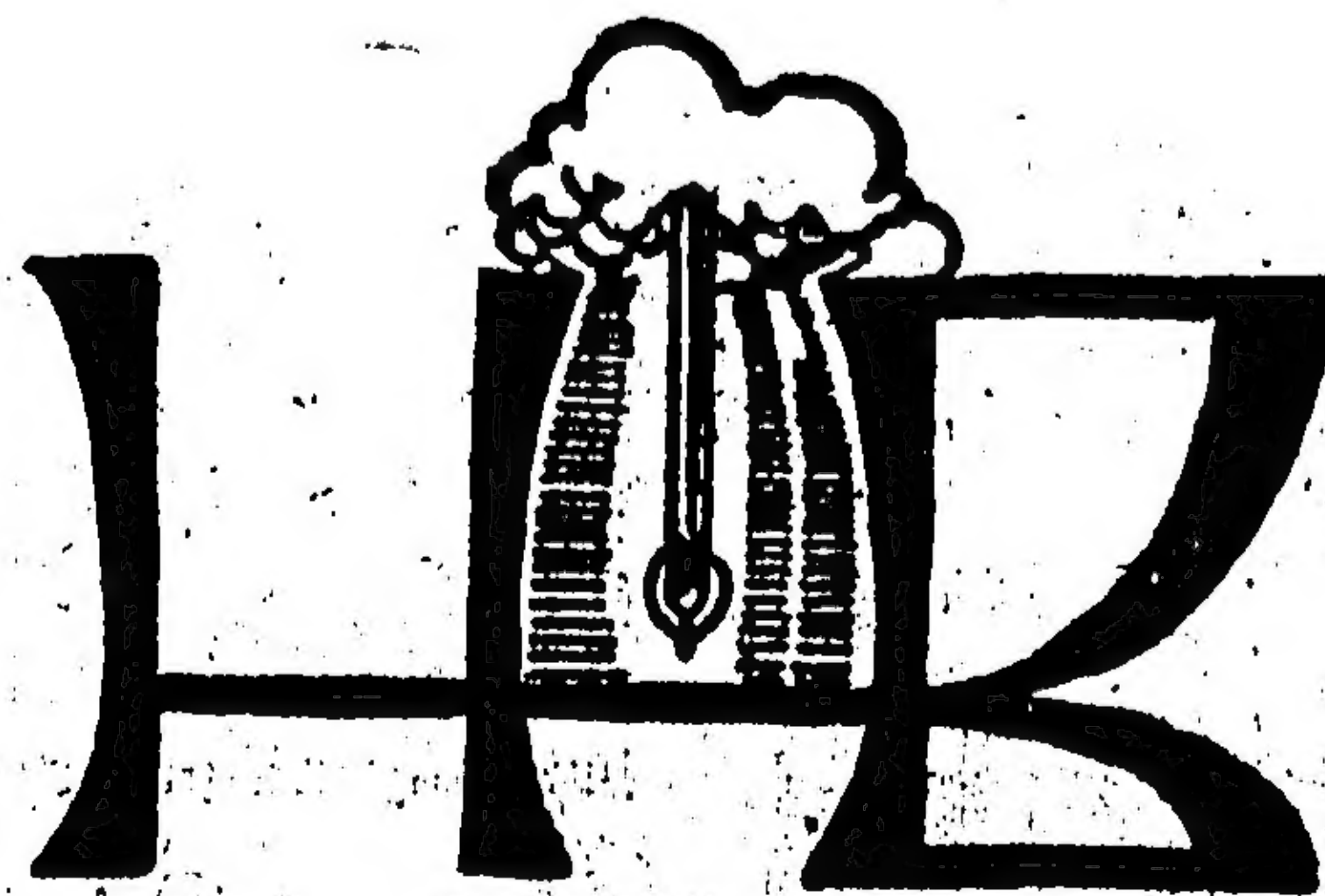
Recently in one night 250 houses were destroyed, 500 seriously damaged and 250 people killed.—Reuter.

torpedo-boats and several motor torpedo-boats, six minelayers, six minesweepers, other small craft and one old light cruiser.

THE YUGOSLAV COAST HAS THREE GOOD BASES—SPLIT, KOTOR AND SIBENIK.

The last-named is particularly difficult to approach and only Yugoslavs know the secrets of the channels between the small islands which lead to the entrance of the harbour.—Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

FINAL STORMING OF KEREN

Imperial Forces Faced With Colossal Difficulties

Reuter Man's Description Of The End

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

THE FALL OF KEREN followed 52 days of frantic Italian efforts to hold the mountain fortress — key to Eritrea. The cream of the Italian white forces with the colonial troops were employed.

The battle began on February 3 when a British mechanised formation which had chased the Italians from Agordat engaged a large Italian force at the entrance to a mountain pass.

During succeeding days English, Scottish and Indian troops launched attacks up the precipitous slopes. They had often to form long human chains to pass up water, food and ammunition to those established on the ridges.

The troops were often exposed to heavy fire but hung grimly to a position once captured.

The R.A.F. incessantly patrolled the roads along which supplies were rushed and also heavily attacked communications and gun positions.

Sappers' Feat

One vital factor in the success was the rapid advance of the Anglo-French force from the north after it had taken Kibkub on February 24.

The total number of prisoners which had been captured was over 6,000.

Perfect timing by Sappers as they cleared a road block on the precipitous mountainside under enemy fire enabled British armoured fighting vehicles, supported by infantry to capture the town.

Armoured fighting vehicles reached the road block just as the Sappers had completed a track through the block.

All field-glasses among the waiting British troops were trained anxiously on the vehicles as they crept like large beetles along the winding track.

White Flag

The Sappers still moved ahead, testing for mines.

Directly the vehicles reached the end of the road I saw from my vantage point in an artillery observation post the white flag go up on the strategic peak of Anchil immediately above us.

Indian infantry, advancing unseen, spread out like a fan in support of the vehicles and intercepted the enemy as they scrambled down from heights further to the left.—Reuter.

JAPANESE ROUT IN KIANGSI

Dispersed and isolated, the various Japanese columns fleeing Kaoan and other cities in northern Kiangsi are being intercepted and subjected to annihilating attacks. One unit which fled to Tangpu, west of Kaoan, was trapped yesterday and badly cut up.

Remnants of the unit are continuing their flight eastward with the Chinese close on their heels.

Another Japanese column which has been surrounded by the Chinese at Loshan and Nancha, in north-western Kiangsi near the Hupeh border, yesterday made repeated attempts to escape the Chinese encirclement but were beaten back with losses.

Meanwhile, the Chinese have recovered the heights in the Aokushan area in northern Kiangsi.

The Japanese detachment which landed at Kitshek on the southern Kwangtung coast on Wednesday, and captured Lukfung, important city in the Kitshek Bay area, was yesterday checked in areas north of the city, where they are being engaged by the Chinese.—Central News.

ALL QUIET IN ALBANIA

Enemy patrol activity on the Albanian front was on a very restricted scale, reported Athens radio last night, says a Reuter despatch from the Greek capital.

BOY KING TAKES THE OATH

King Peter took the oath yesterday morning in the Royal Palace amid impressive scenes.

The Serbian Patriarch, the Prime Minister, General Simovitch, and members of the Government and high civil and military officials were present.

Afterwards a solemn service was celebrated in the Cathedral. **THE KING ENTERED AND LEFT THE CATHEDRAL AMID A TORNADO OF CHEERING AND DEMONSTRATION BY HUGE CROWDS NEVER SURPASSED IN BELGRADE.**

It seemed as though the whole of Belgrade had turned out to cheer the new King, who smiled and raised his hand in acknowledgment of the tumultuous cheering.

Thanksgiving services were also held in other churches, notably the Catholic Cathedral at Belgrade, in the presence of all the Croat and Slovene Ministers.—Reuter.

COMBAT DURING TEST FLIGHT

FIGHTER PILOTS, EVEN WHEN ENGAGED ON PRACTICE FLIGHTS TO TEST RECENTLY-OVERHAULED AIRCRAFT, HAVE TO KEEP THEIR EYES SKINNED FOR THE UNEXPECTED ENEMY AIRCRAFT IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD. HOW THEY REACT TO THE EMERGENCY IS TOLD IN THE COMBAT REPORT OF A YOUNG PILOT OFFICER STATIONED IN THE WEST COUNTRY.

"I was engaged testing a machine" he wrote, "when I was suddenly ordered to fly to a spot off the Cornish coast where I was likely to find a 'Jerry' at about 10,000 feet. He was there all right."

Unfortunately, though the pilot put on all the speed he could, his approach was seen by the German pilot early enough for him to dodge into cloud and escape.

This is not the first time that pilots up on practice flights have been rushed off to give battle. Only a few days ago a pilot carrying out aerobatic practice over a Midland aerodrome sighted a lone German bomber, chased it right across the North Sea to Holland and shot it down over the mouth of the Scheldt.

FINANCE BILL PASSED

The Indian Council of State yesterday passed the final reading of the Finance Bill without a division, says Reuter from New Delhi.

BOMBER DOWN OFF BEACHY HEAD

A German bomber was shot down into the sea by British fighters south of Beachy Head yesterday morning, says an Air Ministry communiqué.

One British fighter is missing from patrol on Thursday.—Reuter.

GERMAN TROOPS NERVOUS

Suicides and nervousness among German troops in Holland, who believe they will be forced to try to invade England, are reported in messages reaching the "Vrij Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper in London.

Parachute troops—among whom are boys of 17—are particularly nervous. Two German soldiers received orders to be ready for the following morning. "That can only mean England," they said. Next morning both were found hanged.

"Some of the troops had strange ideas about the sea," says one letter to the newspaper, "and used to stand on the dykes looking out to see if they could get a glimpse of England."

"The Dutch in the coastal areas lost no opportunities of putting fear into their hearts. They told the Germans how dangerous it would be to attempt to cross to England in flat-bottomed boats, and invented many other dangers to frighten them."

BRITAIN DELIVERS THE GOODS

It is a remarkable performance that during the war Britain could increase deliveries of textiles, chemical and electric goods to the extent given, says the Swedish paper "Gothenborgs Morgenposten."

Trans-ocean countries have found that they could not only depend on Britain's delivery of goods ordered but their delivery on time.

The maintenance of British exports at full strength depends finally on the British Fleet's ability to protect transports. Naturally some losses cannot be avoided but neither U-boats nor bombers have been able to a greater degree to break the British patrols.

If British losses remain as at present they can be replaced entirely by new ships built in Britain and the United States.—Reuter.

VERSATILE INDIAN TROOPS

Profound satisfaction is felt in New Delhi that Indian troops shared the honours with the British in the capture of Keren.

Tributes are paid to their versatility in so successfully reverting from mechanised warfare in Libya to strenuous mountainous fighting in which their hardiness and endurance, as a result of years of experience in similar country on the North-West Frontier, stood them in good stead.

In the Council of State yesterday General Auchinleck, the G.O.C., announced he had received a cable from General Wavell extolling the bravery of the Indian troops in the capture of Keren.—Reuter.

END OF AFRICAN CAMPAIGN IS NOW IN SIGHT

IT IS NOT UNDULY optimistic to state that the end of the campaign in East Africa is in sight, declare usually reticent British military circles in Cairo.

British casualties at Keren have been comparatively slight considering the scale of operations and the fact that Keren was one of the best natural fortresses in the world.

A great tribute is paid to the Indian divisions, which included several well-known British infantry battalions.

A share of the glory also goes to contingents of Palestinians, Free French, Cape motor transport and units of the French Foreign Legion.

The British military spokesman said that among the most important effects would be a "big dose of encouragement" to the Abyssinian Patriots.

End In Sight

It is safe to assume, he said, that the Patriot ranks will swell as soon as the news spreads.

He added that Italian prisoners at Keren will amount to "some thousands" and much equipment was abandoned by the Italians in "precipitate retreat."

It is assumed that the Italians will not put up such a stubborn resistance at Asmara, the Eritrean capital.—Reuter.

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YUGOSLAVIA ARRESTS PRO-AXIS OFFICIALS

Nazis To Lodge Protest Against "Excesses"

THE GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN DECLARED YESTERDAY THAT NO REPRESENTATIONS HAD BEEN MADE IN BELGRADE CONCERNING THE POLICY OF THE NEW YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT IT WAS CUSTOMARY FOR A GOVERNMENT TO THROW OVERBOARD TREATIES MADE BY ITS PREDECESSORS.

The spokesman added that a protest would be lodged against anti-German excesses, of which he declared "positive news has come to hand."

Extreme reserve was maintained in the Wilhelmstrasse towards conflicting reports from Yugoslavia and the problems created by the Belgrade situation.

German circles only declared that, in view of the bad state of communications, it is difficult to judge the situation in Yugoslavia. "Judgment is made even more difficult by the conflicting nature of such reports as are arriving."

Berlin political circles also refrain from expressing any definite opinion.

Important Changes

They emphasised, however, that the declaration issued by the new Belgrade Government did not contain anything of its attitude towards the Axis Pact.

These circles nevertheless state they have noted Mr. Churchill's remarks.

Yugoslav Government circles appear still undecided as to the line they must adopt in their policy, says a Belgrade message to the official German Agency.

THE MESSAGE EMPHASISES, HOWEVER, THE IMPORTANT CHANGE IN THE YUGOSLAV NEWS AGENCY, WHERE A TEMPORARY DIRECTOR NOTED FOR HIS PRO-BRITISH VIEWS, HAS BEEN APPOINTED.

The news agency in question is the Avala Agency.

The former manager has been dismissed, and Nstokitch, hitherto director of the newspaper "Pravda," has been appointed in his place.

Minister Recalled

A number of editors who have been kept in the background for some time, it continues, have been appointed to important functions.

Nevertheless, the Nazis insist that Yugoslavia's adherence to the Axis Pact is not in question since the pact needs no ratification.

Meanwhile, the Yugoslav Minister in Moscow, M. Gavrilovich, left Moscow last night for Yugoslavia in order to assume the office of Minister without Portfolio in the new Cabinet.

A Belgrade despatch to the Vichy news agency says M. Gavrilovich left at the urgent request of General Simovitch and is travelling via Hungary.

The former Yugoslav Prime Minister, Tsvetkovitch, is still under arrest, according to latest reports from Belgrade received in Vichy.

Pro-Nazi Arrested

No confirmation has been received in the Hungarian capital of earlier radio reports of his release.

The editor of the pro-Nazi newspaper "Vreme," which is published in Yugoslavia, is also reported to have been arrested. Telephonic and telegraphic communications between Hungary

and Yugoslavia were re-established yesterday morning, the despatch adds. —Reuter.

EARLY MORNING 'GROCERY DELIVERY' IN KEREN BATTLE

THE R.A.F.'S NON-STOP relentless bombing of Italian positions in and around Keren was varied by what pilots described as the "early morning grocery delivery."

There were difficulties in supplying some of the British units holding advanced mountain positions with food and other supplies.

British bombers were loaded with tinned rations and set off. There were no parachute containers handy with which to deliver the supplies, and many of the surrounding peaks were still held by the Italians, whose batteries put up a fierce barrage.

Defying this hail of steel the British pilots, descended to within 50 feet of the ground in order to prevent the grocery tins bursting on impact and to ensure they landed close to the eager land forces.

Sand Map

Many pilots would make two runs over the delivery area, weaving in and out of the valleys till every tin of beef, jam, water and milk was safely delivered.

One man made a special run despite A.A. fire to drop a packet of cigarettes.

Before the R.A.F. operations against Keren began, the crews were shown an amazing "sand map" on which every peak and pass was clearly labeled so that the crews knew exactly what they had to do and where they had to go.

The Air Ministry news service, describing the operations against what experts declared was "the world's toughest military proposition," says the perfect co-operation of the R.A.F., South African Air Force and Rhodesian air units with the land troops was a prominent factor in the final victory. —Reuter.

SHE FED TROOPS— GAOLED

A young German woman has been sentenced to a month's imprisonment for giving rolls of bread to two French prisoners of war at the place where she worked, says a dispatch from Kaise-lautern to the New York "Times". —Reuter.

GOEBBELS STORY REFUTED

Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, denied in London yesterday rumours circulated by enemy propagandists that he had told North American journalists in London on his return from touring British aircraft factories that "the majority of British aircraft factories had been hit by German bombers."

Mr. Menzies also denied that he described air attacks on these factories as "frightful."

He said: "The statement is untrue. I visited a number of aircraft factories throughout Britain where I found a happy and hard-working lot of men and women and unimpaired production. The real German air attacks have been on civilians."

"The statement attributed to me is the opposite of what I said." —Reuter.

WHAT IS CHASTITY?

A wife agreed in a separation deed to pay her V.C. husband an annuity of £500 so long as he led a chaste life.

In the Chancery Division Mr. A. J. Belsham, for the husband, said the question arose: "What is the meaning of chastity in a male?"

This, he believed, was the first time the question had been raised before the Court.

The action was brought by creditors concerning the estate of Mrs. Dolores Booth, who died in 1938. The separation deed was entered into between her and her husband, Captain Frederick Charles Booth, V.C., in 1925.

The Court was asked to decide whether the annuity was payable from the date of the wife's death and whether it was "void for uncertainty" or still operative.

After a consultation between counsel it was agreed that the husband should be entitled to £6,547 in full satisfaction of his claim.

Mr. Belsham: I am very disappointed the question of chastity has not been argued, since I spent many hours reading up Jeremy Taylor's "Holy Living and Holy Dying," the only authority on chastity I can find.

Mr. Justice Farwell said the compromise seemed a fair one.

Captain Booth won his V.C. in 1917, when he was a sergeant with the South African Forces. He is now serving in the Pioneer Corps.



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In five months Flight Lieutenant William Weir Campbell, D.F.C., has—Sunk two Italian submarines and attached a third. Been awarded an immediate D.F.C. for "skill, initiative, and devotion to duty."

Made a forced landing in Greek waters and been interned. Met and married an English girl in Athens.

Been set free from internment when Greece entered the war. Returned to duty with his Sunderland and her crew.

The story of the destruction of the two Italian submarines by Campbell and his crew has already been told. On two successive days they dived out of the skies and destroyed their victims with anti-submarine bombs. In the second case Campbell decided to take back to his base something more than the photographic record of the end of the submarine.

Although the sea was very rough, he tackled the flying boat amongst the wreckage and rescued four survivors. While he was taking them back to safety and internment, he attacked another submarine, this time with machine-gun fire, his stock of bombs being exhausted.

Later, Campbell and his crew were themselves interned. They had engine trouble and were obliged to come down in Greek waters. Taken in tow by a Greek warship they were interned in Athens, and if Italy had not decided to make her rash attack on Greece, they would have been there for the "duration." Mussolini's great mistake made Greece the Ally of Britain, and amidst scenes of tremendous enthusiasm, Campbell and his crew were released.

It was while the crew were in Greece that it was announced that their commander had been awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross. Now they are back at duty in the Mediterranean.

While they were in internment the Flight Lieutenant met many of the Greek and British inhabitants, and before he resumed the watch over the sea he married the daughter of a leading member of the British colony. Campbell had become engaged while he was still in internment but he refused to marry as long as he was a prisoner.

So another thing that Italy did was to set the wedding bells ringing.

**HIS AGE WAS A
SECRET**

Mr. Basil Bernard Watson, K.C., the North London magistrate, whose age was a closely-guarded secret, has died in a nursing home.

So devoted to his duties was he that, since the intensification of the air war on London, he made his home at the North London court lest enemy action during the night should prevent his appearance on the Bench on time the following morning.

A barrister of the Inner Temple, he was called thirty-nine years ago and took silk in 1923.

**PLANS FOR NEW
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HORIZONTAL

- 1 Ireland
- 2 High card
- 3 Infant
- 4 Arabian seaport
- 5 Parcel of land
- 6 Pertaining to a period of time
- 7 To taste
- 8 Yellow mineral
- 9 High priest
- 10 Part of infinitive
- 11 Timbre
- 12 Hawaiian bird
- 13 Pronoun
- 14 To annoy
- 15 Implement for holding objects
- 16 Stacks of hay
- 17 Possessive pronoun
- 18 Siamese coin
- 19 Alt
- 20 Male
- 21 Appellation of Athens
- 22 Wine cup
- 23 To pose
- 24 Recreation
- 25 To cultivate
- 26 Vessel
- 27 Son god

VERTICAL

- 1 The Orient
- 2 Excessive stupidity
- 3 Corded cloth
- 4 Printer's measure
- 5 Unaccompanied
- 6 To contend
- 7 Greek letter
- 8 To exist

Part of "to be"

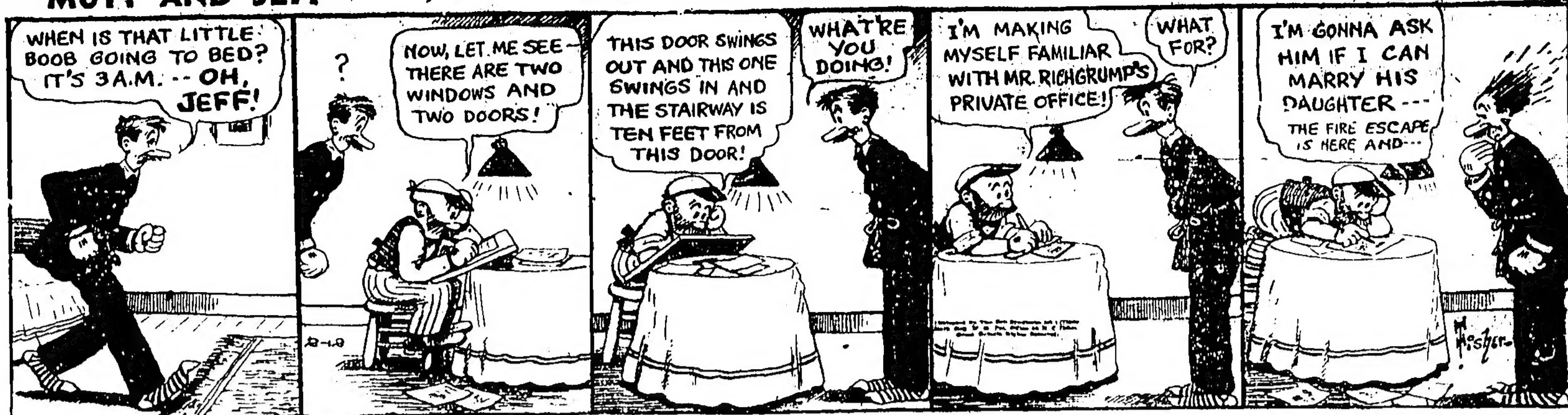
- 9 Upright rail support
- 10 Ancient European country
- 11 To throw
- 12 Menageries
- 13 To seize
- 14 Upon
- 15 Splendour
- 16 Mineral
- 17 Lively dance
- 18 Inlet
- 19 Head covering
- 20 To make lace
- 21 Wire measure
- 22 Samoan seaport
- 23 To undergo a decline
- 24 Clipped
- 25 Preposition
- 26 To breathe noisily
- 27 Absorbed
- 28 Armadillo
- 29 The ill
- 30 Had
- 31 South-African Dutch
- 32 Sooner than
- 33 Sunken fence
- 34 Palm leaf
- 35 By
- 36 Symbol for silver

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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By BUD FISHER



CAR 'SPARE PUSHERS'

There is a growing price-ramp in motor "spares," which have been scarce for months past.

Private motorists, already faced with difficulties, in finding spare parts for their cars, are now being asked to pay two or three times the ordinary prices by organisations which are trying to "corner" the market.

Alderman Rowland Winn, former Lord Mayor of Leeds and head of a motor engineering firm, is to ask the car trade to help fight these "spare pushers."

He told Leeds Chamber of Commerce that some people were buying up all the car spares they could find and then selling at three times the purchase price.

"This business is apparently very well organised," he told a reporter.

"It started in the south and has now spread.

200 Per Cent. Profit

"The idea seems to be to grab all the spares they can lay hands on and keep them until the situation is difficult for the ordinary motorist and he is willing to pay their price.

"It usually means at least 200 per cent. profit.

"My own firm are taking safeguards in spare sales by asking for full details of the vehicles for which they are needed.

"I am getting in touch with the Motor Traders' Association to see if steps can be taken to stamp out this business."

CHANGES IN VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Certain changes in the training of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps have been announced.

The object of this change is not in any way to curtail the amount of training, the necessity for which is as great now as ever.

It is intended to make it possible for every member of the combatant group to carry out his full training with the least upset to the normal work of the Colony.

1. The present system of training of one day a week for all active units of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps is to be changed to one half a day a week with effect from Monday, 21st April, 1941. In addition, two evening parades a week and one week-end a month at the discretion of Unit Commanders will be continued.

2. The normal half-days on which each unit will be required to parade are as under (2 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. approximately):—

1st Battery Tuesdays; 2nd Battery Thursdays; 3rd Battery Thursdays; 4th Battery Tuesdays; 5th A.A. Battery, No. 1 Section Tuesdays; 5th A.A. Battery, No. 2 Section Thursdays; Field Company Engineers Thursdays; Corps Signals Wednesdays; Mobile Column Wednesdays; No. 1 Company Mondays; No. 2 Company Fridays; No. 3 Company Mondays; No. 4 Company Wednesdays; No. 5 Company Mondays; No. 6 Company Fridays; No. 7 Company Fridays; Army Service Corps Company One half day per week as detailed individually; Field Ambulance Wednesdays; Pay Section Fridays and once per month half on Wednesdays and half on Fridays.

3. Attendance at these parades is strictly compulsory, unless leave of absence has been granted by the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

4. Applications for leave should be addressed in the first instance to the Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps who will forward them to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary for a final decision. It is pointed out, however, that a man will be considered as absent without leave unless he produces proof that leave has actually been granted; the mere fact of an application having been submitted will not excuse a man's absence and he will be liable to disciplinary action under the Volunteer Ordinance.

5. It is stressed that the only applications which will normally receive consideration will be those on behalf of men who are actively engaged on the production of War Material and such applications must state clearly the reasons why leave is required, and the maximum amount of training any man can do.

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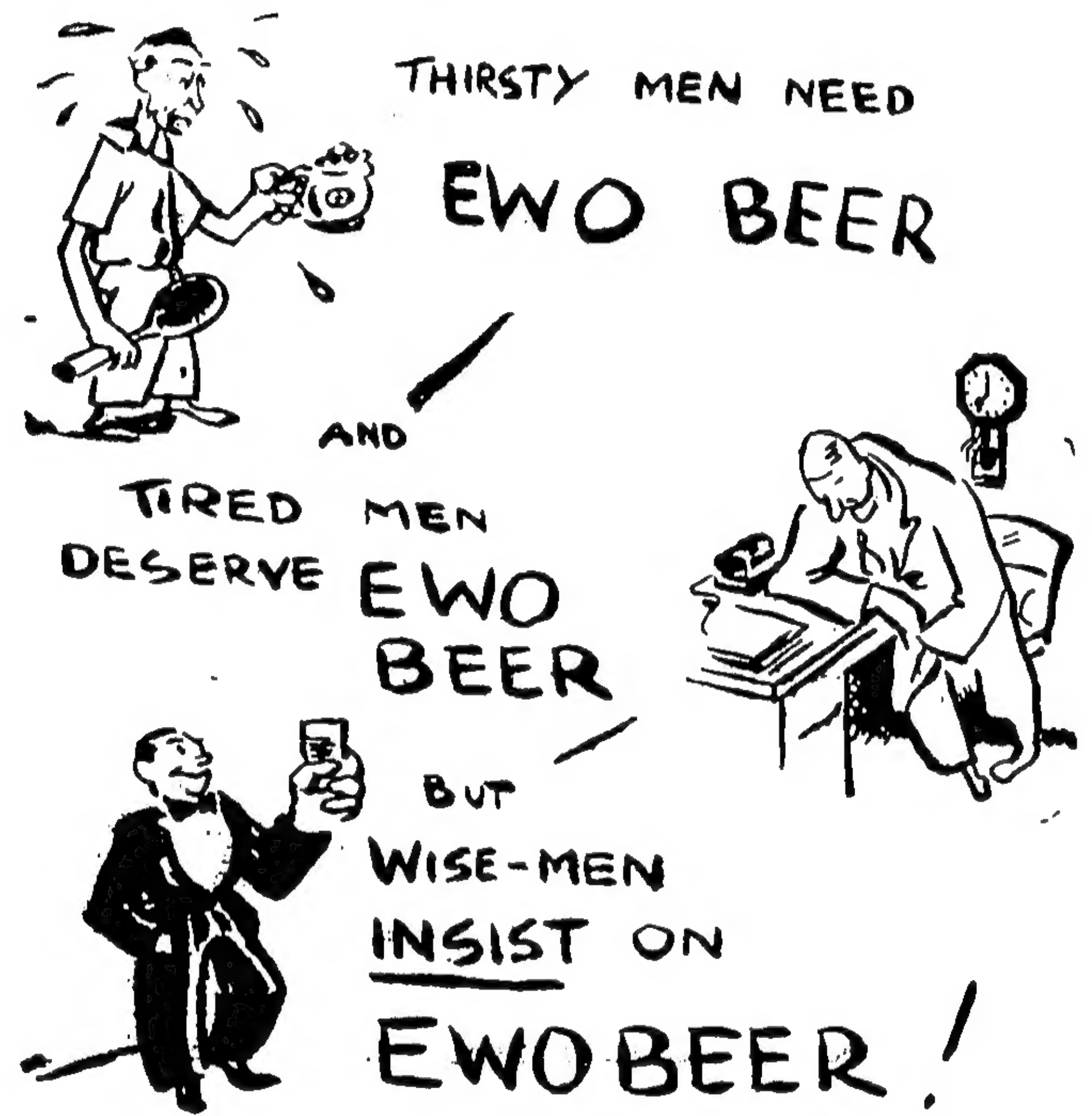
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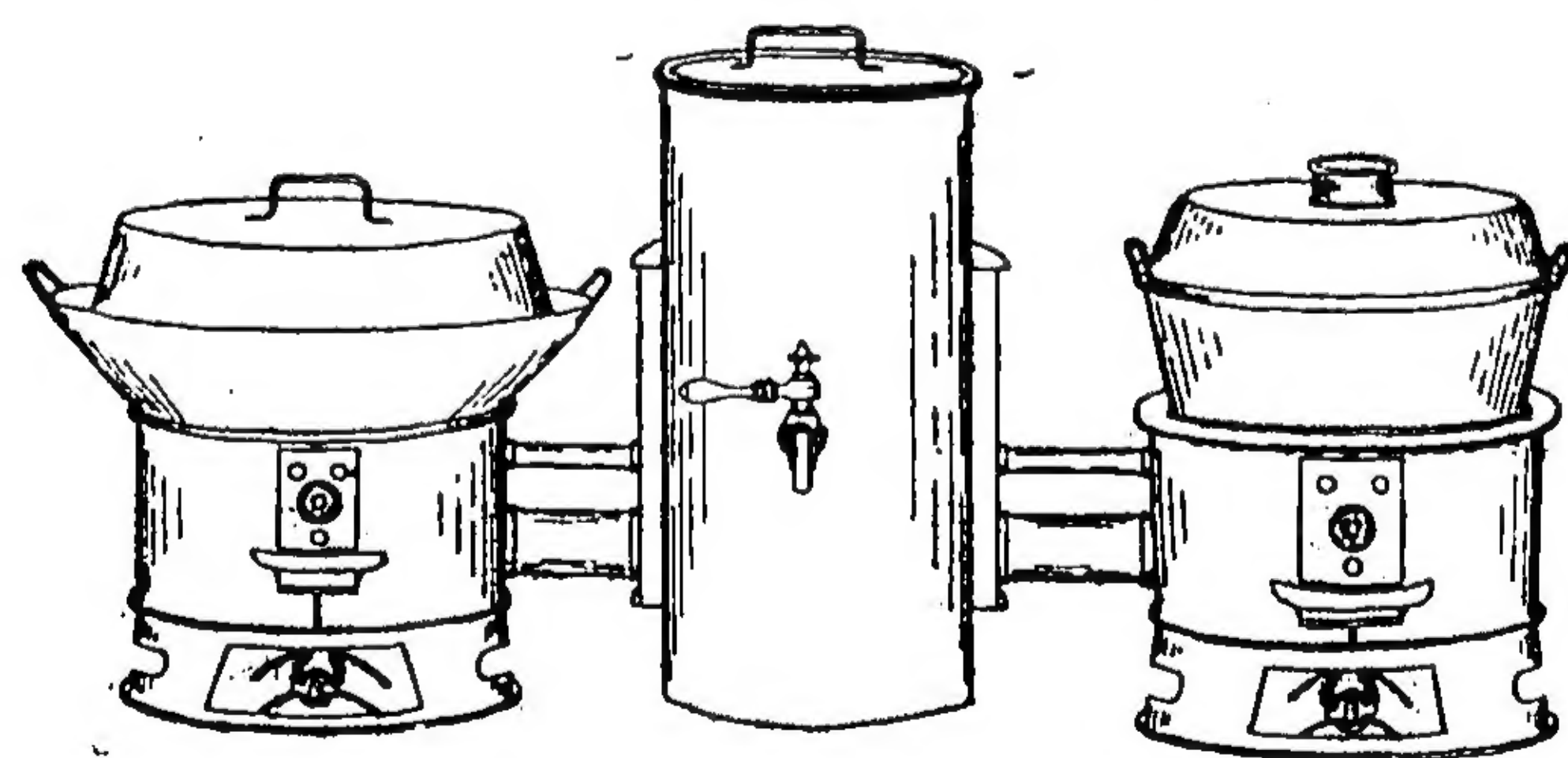
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PREDICT BLOW AT BURMA BY JAPAN

SHARP ANXIETY OVER POSSIBLE FUTURE EVENTS IN THE REGION OF INDO-CHINA SUDDENLY RETURNED IN SAIGON WITH CIRCULATION OF REPORTS, THE ORIGIN OF WHICH IS NOT KNOWN, THAT JAPAN WITHIN A FORT-NIGHT IS PLANNING TO SEND 100,000 TROOPS FROM HAINAN ISLAND ACROSS MIDDLE INDO-CHINA INTO THAILAND.

After travelling through Indo-China, the reports continue, the Japanese expedition will either proceed to Bangkok toward the northern border of the Malay States or turn north-east toward the Burma border in an alleged attempt to isolate Chungking from vital military supplies now moving on the Burma road.

It is commented in Singapore within circles competent to judge and which profess to believe the reports contain substance that the alleged expedition as outlined is going overland across Indo-China to eliminate the sea risk to an expedition further south. The move also would eliminate any threat from the British navy based at Singapore as well as allegedly ensuring a safe and dependable supply route for the maintenance of the huge force.

Local observers interpreted the reports as meaning that it might be Thailand's payoff for her gains in Indo-China resulting from Japanese mediation in Tokyo. It is also opined this alleged military undertaking might be a Japanese retaliation move against Australians who are now reported to be on Thailand's southern border.

It is believed in Singapore impossible that the Japanese will capture Singapore with a naval action. Therefore, any attempt to take Singapore must be done by land forces. It is also believed that the Japanese have sufficient forces and facilities on Hainan Island as well as Tonkin to undertake such a project.

Details Reported

Reports on details of the alleged expedition say that a Japanese transport will leave Hainan Island and move 150 miles southwest to the semimodern port of Tourane. From Tourane the expedition will move northward by railway over the important mountain pass at Dongha, five miles above Quang-tri where the troops will embark on trucks and move west 125 miles over a good road to Savannakhet. From there the expedition will move on two good roads to the Siamese city of Oubon at the end of the railroad leading direct to Bangkok.

It is pointed out in Singapore that any attempt by the Japanese to send forces through south Indo-China by railroad means a long delay, where there are no railroads, only slow canal boats, before meeting the railway. It is also emphasised that there are no French troops in mid-Indo-China along the alleged proposed route, while there are numerous French troops hereabouts.

It is claimed in Singapore that the alleged Japanese projected move is part of the understanding reached at the recent Tokyo conversations.—Associated Press.

BOYS STOLE, DRANK WHISKY

Two fifteen-year-old boys were sent to an approved school by the Oxford Juvenile Court for stealing mail bags, whisky, port and sherry. They took the mail bags from a station, opened them and removed parcels.

They drank some of the whisky and told relatives that the parcels were presents.

MAILS LOST

The Postmaster General announces that letters by surface route for United Kingdom, via United States of America, posted in Hong Kong between 4th and 15th October 1940 and letters superscribed "by Air to U.S.A. and thence by Sea" posted between 17th and 23rd January 1941 have been lost by enemy action.

OBJECTOR IS WOMAN HATER

A conscientious objector said that he wanted to escape from women, but "if I went into the Army I would run into them."

"The Army," he said, "is crowded with women. Let them fight if they want to."

The objector was Robert Arthur Payne, thirty-one, a builder's labourer, of Brookmill Road, Deptford, London, S.E. He applied to the South Eastern local tribunal at Bloomsbury, W.C., to be registered as a Conscientious Objector.

"I am scared for my life by my own sister," he went on, "The women seem to take to the Army. Let them go. Anyway, I hate them."

"Let the women chasers go into the Army. It is just the thing for them. I want to escape from women, but I would run right into them in the Army. I do not want wine, women and song. I want to get miles away from cursed humanity."

Payne said that ten years ago he was in the Army, but was invalided out because of his health.

The chairman, Judge Davies, K. C., told Payne that his objections did not come within the Act and removed Payne's name from the register.

AIR RAID SYRENS

The Director of Air Raid Precautions announces that the Air Raid Syren in Navy Establishments will, for the purposes of exercise, be sounded at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7.45 p.m., and 8.45 p.m. on each of the following dates:—Tuesday, 1st April, Wednesday, 2nd April, and Thursday, 3rd April.

GIRLS, 16 TO 18, "RUNNING WILD"

DIOCESAN MORAL Welfare Associations all over Britain, under their bishops, are pressing for stricter supervision of girls in their teens who are spending days and nights loitering around military camps, aerodromes and naval barracks.

Commanding officers are backing them up in their efforts to clean up the districts in question.

London Moral Welfare Association, under the Bishop of London, is also urging the Home Secretary to take action.

Evacuees

Many of these young girls—the chief offenders seem to be between fifteen and eighteen—are evacuees.

In some cases they have gone with their mothers from London and the other big towns to the country districts.

MIGHTY MIDGET'S CALL TO ARMS

A midget Army cook he's only three foot tall—scared his parents at a Northern Rhodesia native recruiting meeting by bellowing greetings through a studio microphone 100 miles from the meeting.

The parents thought their son had been killed, when they heard his radio voice, and they declared that it was "his ghost speaking from a magic-box."—Exchange.

BOMB ON GIRL'S HEAD

An incendiary bomb fell on an eighteen-year-old girl's head when a lone enemy raider was over the Home Counties and killed her instantly.

The girl was Mavis Williams. She was walking in a village street when the bomb fell on her.

Other incendiaries from a single enemy raider fired cottage property, but the fires were speedily put out.

A high-explosive bomb shattered windows of the village school, but none of the children was hurt.

Four people injured by incendiary bombs included two men, a woman and six-year-old Ronald Frith, evacuated from London.

Left Kitchens

When an enemy raider dropped fire bombs in a town on the outskirts of London, women interrupted their household work, got buckets of sand, spades, shovels and stirrup pumps, and in a few minutes had put the bombs out and were back in their kitchens.

After a raid-free night for all Britain London had three Alerts caused by lone planes flying above low clouds.

Single raiders were over East Anglia and a plane four times machine-gunned one town and then dropped a stick of bombs. There was only one casualty.

CHINA MAIL

WINDSOR HOUSE

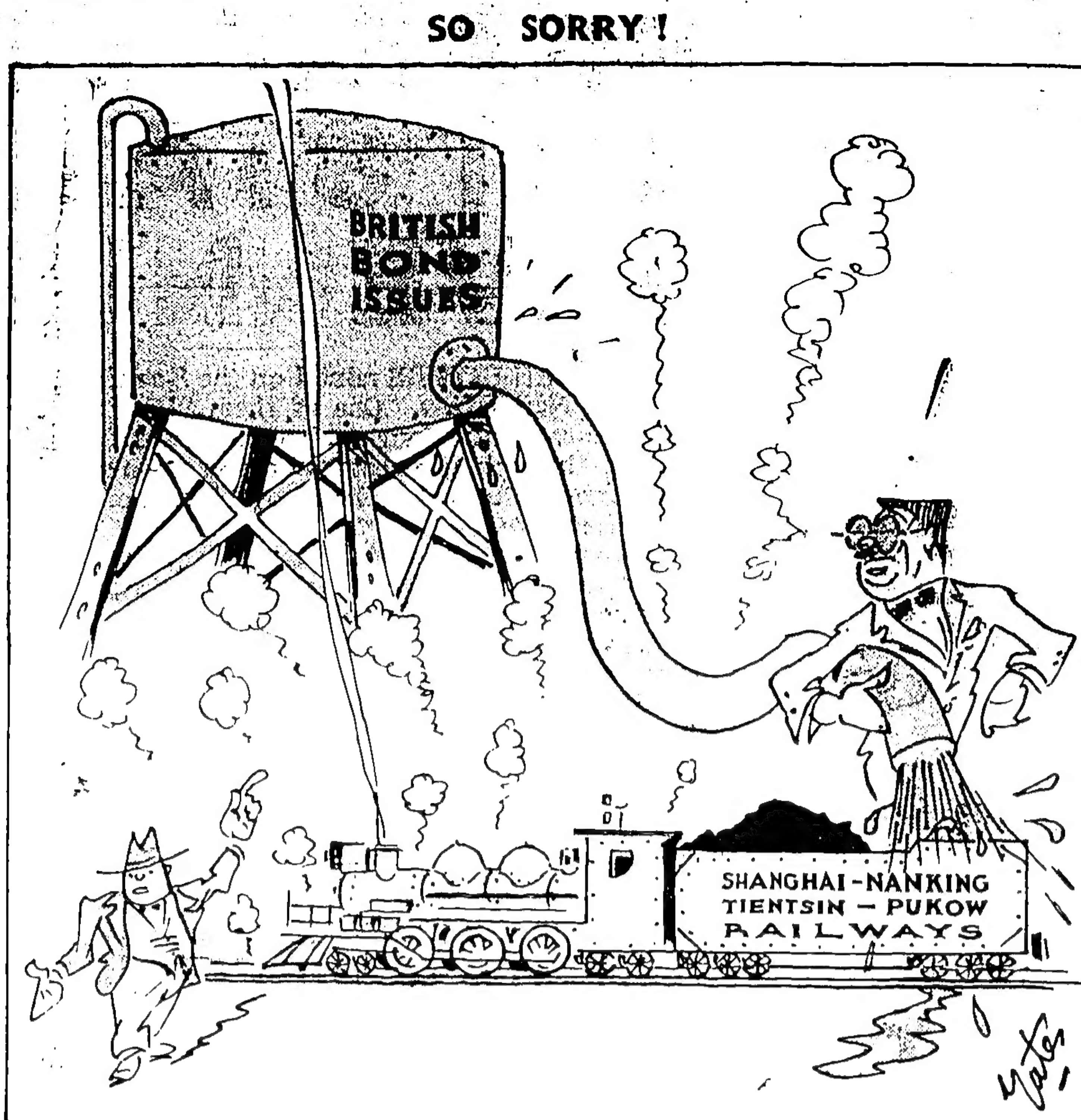
THE COST OF WAR

Without anticipating his Budget statement, which is expected before Easter, the Chancellor of the Exchequer recently indicated to the House of Commons the size of his problem and the general nature of its solution — for solution there will be. The total national expenditure in the week ended March 22 reached £14,671,000 a day, of which £12,500,000 a day was spent on the fighting Services or other purely war Services. Expenditure this financial year is likely to reach £4,000,000,000. Of this total £3,300,000,000 is attributable to the war, which is therefore already costing about £870,000,000 more than was spent in the peak year of the last War.

It cannot yet be said how much will be met by revenue and by borrowing, but the gap between total expenditure and total income may well be on paper some £1,600,000,000. The exact figure depends upon how far the revenue, now coming in extremely well, fulfils or exceeds the estimates, and how far subscriptions to loans keep up to or exceed the present weekly total of about £26,000,000.

There are, after all, new resources to be tapped both by taxation and by borrowing. Mr. Pethick-Lawrence has estimated that the national income had risen by £2,000,000,000 since the outbreak of war, and that the nominal value of what was left after taxation and borrowing had altered little, though of course the total is differently distributed.

It is clear indeed that the State must get back as much as it can of the new income created by expenditure within Britain's own borders, and that the limit of what can be got back has probably not been reached. Sir Kingsley Wood does not deny that the gap is, assuming serious proportions, but he strongly deprecates unnecessary alarm, because it can be filled by drafts on outside resources. Nevertheless these resources are largely non-recurrent; and, though the danger of the gap may easily be exaggerated to-day, it is a danger that is likely to increase in the future if the gap be not narrowed and if the "outside re-



MR. MATSUOKA (in Berlin): "The ideal which is dear to Japanese above all things is embodied in *makko ichio*, that harmonious world community with room for all nations, in which they can realise their wishes and fulfil their missions."

Axis Strategy Is Upset

Mussolini is now Hitler's lieutenant. The Italian war machine is entirely under German control. Mussolini has had no alternative. When he struck at Greece last October a few hours before he met Hitler at Florence he believed he could gain the initiative in the Axis campaign against Britain in the Mediterranean and North Africa. He expected no opposition from the Greeks. Now he has to pay the price of his error. Whether the Italian people relish German tutelage is another question. For the present they have no voice in the matter.

Hitler is in a hurry. He needs to smash Britain before help from the United States shows, in President Roosevelt's words, that democracy is unconquerable. He will do his utmost to hit Britain hard in the air and by sea, and perhaps on land by invasion.

Meanwhile we are hitting Mussolini hard. I take a personal interest in the Italian defeat in

sources" now in use are not replaced by something else. That is why the Chancellor is certain to ask the direct taxpayers as a body to follow the example of prompt payment already set by some, why he inveighs in general terms against waste, why he roundly declares that the present rate of subscriptions to loans must be exceeded, and why he warns the public that new taxation will be imposed in the forthcoming Budget.

Eritrea because I had something to do with a former Italian evacuation of Kassala some 43 years ago. In 1894 Italian troops in Eritrea captured Kassala from the Dervishes under the Mahdi. The Dervishes then held the Sudan and were threatening Egypt. An Anglo-Egyptian army under Kitchener took the offensive against them in 1896 and was pre-

By Wickham Steed

paring to attack them near Khartum where the Mahdi's troops had killed General Gordon some years before. Just then the Italians were routed by the Abyssinians at Adowa and were holding Eritrea precariously. Though it was important that they should hold Kassala until Kitchener could take it over.

This threat astonished Lord Salisbury, the British Prime Minister, who exclaimed: "I have often been annoyed by people who wanted to get something, but never before have I seen people in such a hurry to give up something." As correspondent of the "London Times" in Rome I helped to persuade the Italian Government to hold Kassala until an Anglo-Egyptian force, coming from the Red Sea, could take it over at the end of 1897.

In 1898 Kitchener crushed the Mahdi at the battle of Omdurman and took Khartum. At Omdurman, Mr. Winston Churchill charged through the Dervish ranks at the head of a squadron of Lancers. He came through unscathed after fierce hand-to-hand fighting. His book on that campaign has long been a military classic.

Later that year I was instrumental in persuading the Anglo-Egyptian authorities to put up a

permanent monument at Kassala in memory of the Italian officers and men who had captured and held it against the Mahdi. I wonder whether that monument still stands, and what the retreating Italians now think of it.

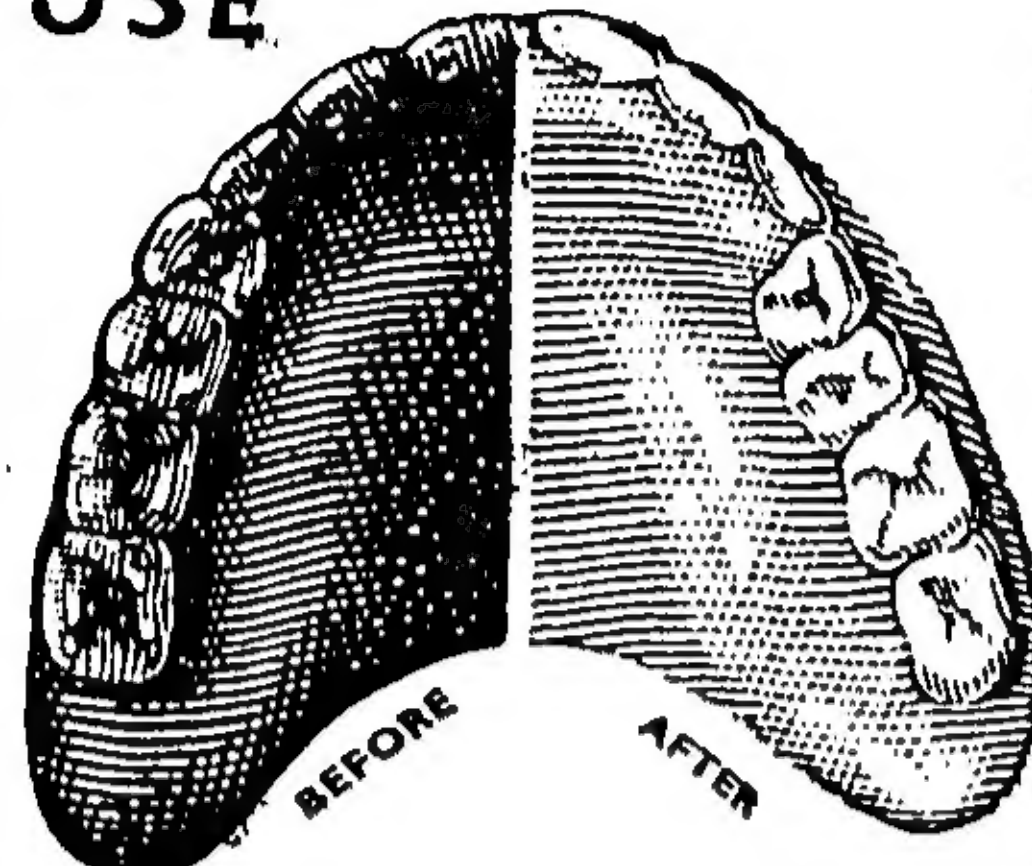
From headquarters near Khartum the Emperor of Ethiopia, Haile Selassie, is now organising the revolt of his people against the Italians. British and South African forces are helping him. Nothing that Hitler can do will save Italy's hold on Abyssinia and perhaps Eritrea. German aircraft may play a part in the Mediterranean and North Africa, as they played it when we lost the cruiser "Southampton" and the aircraft carrier "Illustrious" was damaged. Since then more than 50 German aircraft have been destroyed by our forces. Fighting may be severe but we do not fear the result.

So the war moves towards its climax. Mussolini's surrender to Hitler may be the first phase of the climax. The climax itself may bring the downfall of Hitler within sight. Britain will not surrender.

Can Hitler invade Britain? We think he cannot, though we are ready for invasion should it come. German preparations are constantly going on from Norway to Bordeaux, and our aircraft are constantly upsetting them. Earlier preparations cost Hitler dear. But as he must now force the issue he may try again, regardless of cost. From across the Atlantic comes President Roosevelt's warning voice. Hitler will heed it. He will understand that he must win quickly if he is to win at all. Usually he has struck his successful blows after long and careful preparation with the help of traitors in the countries he meant to crush. There are no traitors in Britain. It remains to be seen whether Hitler can improvise as efficiently as he can prepare. I suppose he must because Mussolini's error in attacking Greece has upset the whole strategy of the Axis. Before the spring is over we may know the worst and, as we believe, the best.

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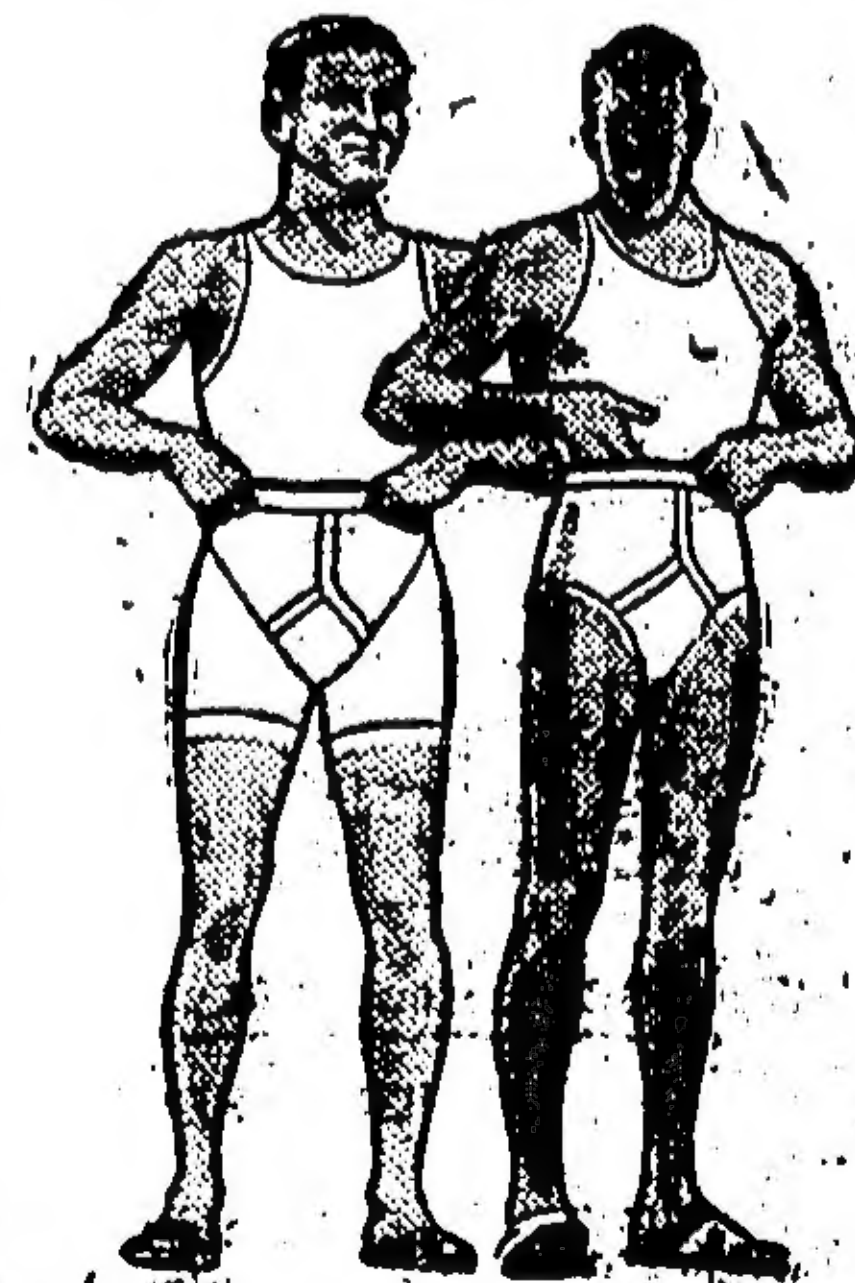
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HEARD DEATH BUT STAYED TO SAVE NURSE

GERMAN BOMBS rained on the South-Eastern Hospital, New Cross. One of them fell on a block of kitchens, killing four nurses, and hurled another, injured, through the collapsing floor into a passage below, where she was pinioned by a block of masonry across her legs.

Down into the debris went a porter, Albert Ernest Dolphin, and other rescue workers. A few minutes later a wall was heard to crack, and the workers were ordered out just as it began to collapse.

But Dolphin refused to go. He crouched over the trapped girl. And there, later, his body was found. The nurse was alive.

The story of Dolphin's sacrifice and the announcement of the posthumous award to him of the George Cross are given in the "London Gazette" with dozens of other stories of heroism by members of the Civil Defence services.

Sacrificed Life To Warn Others

Another George Cross, also posthumous, goes to Leonard John Miles, a warden, of Ilford, who walked into certain danger to give warning to people unaware of an impending explosion in their homes.

Even when he was waiting for an ambulance to take him away, he refused first aid, telling his colleagues first to attend to a blazing gas-main.

Chief Fire Officer S. A. Phillips, of Eastbourne, becomes an O.B.E., and four members of a rescue party there, A. E. Blackmer, E. H. May, F. C. F. Stevens, E. L. Turney, receive George Medals.

An unexploded bomb lay within 200ft. of where they were striving to rescue seven people trapped when three houses were bombed and smashed.

They had to tunnel through a cellar wall, through a refrigerator, through another wall of 12in. thick concrete, while there was constant danger of falling debris.

Icy cold chilled them; gas, bubbling through water, reeked until they were overcome with faintness and sickness.

But they found the will to return, and the strength to lift, by hand, timber which six jacks had failed to move. Five of the seven victims were saved.

While bombs were dropping, Warden E. F. Ballinger, of Barnes, worked to his thighs in water from a burst water main, warning people to evacuate their basements. He and another warden worked in a flooded bomb-crater to free a man pinned by timber and likely to drown.

He, too, receives the George Medal.

Dash Into Flaming Ruins Of Hospital

Stoker J. R. Roley, of Hitler Green, won his George Medal by following into flaming debris a nurse who dropped from the beam to which she had been hanging in the Park Hospital. He rescued her and went back for her colleague.

To add to his difficulties, both women were ill — it was the nurses' sick room that was hit — and shell-splinters were falling.

Deputy Leader of the Wimbledon Rescue Party, F. J. Gradden, heard from a demolished mansion faint cries.

He forced a way through the debris sawing, tugging, struggling at full length. It took him two and a half hours to get 20 feet, only to find the victim inextricably pinned.

He stayed with her, guiding his colleagues, breathing air impregnated with gas for three and a half hours.

Gradden, for his six-hour ordeal, which resulted in saving the woman's life, receives the George Medal.

NO LOSS TO JUSTICE

Nazi Minister of Justice, Franz Guertner, has died. He had been out of work for a long time.

THE JOKE WAS ON THE ITALIAN

Loud bursts of ironical cheering greeted the Italian Consul at Beirut (Syria) when he left a cinema, says the Independent French Agency.

Looking round to ascertain the cause of the crowd's merriment, the Consul's chauffeur found fastened on the Consul's back a large photograph showing a British airman with a Greek companion standing in front of the wreckage of an Italian plane.

The spirit of comradeship between the British forces and the Greeks is everywhere evident, says "Eleftheron Vima." When Italian raiders injured civilians in Larissa, British troops took the severely wounded to hospital and gave first-aid to the others. —Reuter.

PASTOR HALL

Sir, We venture to write to call attention to the film "Pastor Hall" to be given next week at the Lee Theatre, and particularly to the premiere performance to be given in aid of the war orphanages of the North West on Wednesday April 2nd, 1941.

We have had the privilege of witnessing a preview of "Pastor Hall" and were moved beyond words by its vigorous presentation of the issue for which we are now fighting. We would urge every man and woman, who believes in democracy, to see this film, and particularly, if there are any who doubt the justice of the cause of Britain at this time, let them go and see for themselves "that evil thing" which we are fighting.

R. O. HALL
J. L. WILSON.

A PROMISING BOY IS DAD

A young N. C. O. instructor at a technical training school of the R.A.F. took over a class of new recruits.

He found that among the en-livants was his father.

The son thinks his father is "quite promising."

The Honourable Director of Medical Services gratefully acknowledges the receipt of a gift of 185 pairs of clogs for the Po Leung Kuk children in Ma Tau Chung Camp from the Yee Fung Benevolent Society through Mr. Tam Tsan, Chairman of the Society in question.

LOVE AFFAIRS ARE SCANDAL TALK NOW

A WHISPERING campaign against Mussolini is growing in Italy. In drawing rooms and cafes, stories are being told of the Duce's private life. Or, to be more accurate, his private lives.

He is keeping more than a dozen mistresses in elaborate villas outside Rome, with the secret Government funds, on which he draws without question.

People are now asking why they should be taxed so that Mussolini can keep Countess Thelma and Signorita Tina in luxury.

The stories do not deal only with Italian women — many of them of high and noble breeding. They tell, too, of the way in which, from time to time, he

has forced his unwelcome attentions on the wives and daughters of foreign diplomats and other visitors to Rome.

American and other journalists, who have lifted the veil from these intrigues in their dispatches to their newspapers, have promptly been given their passports and told to leave the country.

The Italians, despite the extent to which they have fallen under Fascist influence, are still good Catholics, and family life is still to them their dearest possession.

SOLDIERS CUT LOVE IN UNIFORM

(By A Special Correspondent)

ALL THE NICE GIRLS love a soldier — but some of the A.T.S. in a big northern command training centre wish that more of the handsome soldiers would fall for the girls in uniform.

Complaints by the A.T.S. that the soldiers aren't taking them out because they prefer the local girls brought these replies:—

A soldier: "We see too much uniform; we want girls who aren't in khaki." An A.T.S. official: "Army girls are the most popular at dances."

An A.T.S. girl at the centre told me:—

"Soldiers seem to think that the A.T.S. is either the old maid's last hope or else that to be seen out with one of us indicates that a soldier has been unable to get a girl outside the barracks."

"Just Comrades"

But the soldier said: "The A.T.S. are only part of the Army, just as much as the officers and clerical staff are part of it, and we treat them accordingly."

"We have a great respect for the girls, but they are part of our work and not of our leisure."

"Just as few men fall in love with the girl who works in the same office as themselves, so the soldier wants to get his girl friend from a different atmosphere from that in which he spends his working day."

At A.T.S. headquarters, in London, officials were shocked by the suggestion that their girls weren't popular.

They said that this was not so, because of the number of all-Army marriages there have been since the war.

Some Wallflowers

"This suggestion that soldiers aren't friendly with A.T.S. girls may be true of one little unit," said one official, "but we have records of hundreds of marriages between A.T.S. girls and soldiers they have met at work."

"There are few units that cannot boast at least one wedding. I have always found that the boys like to be with the girls off duty and on duty."

"They tell me that if a girl is sweet, pretty or charming, uniform makes no difference."

"Of course, there are always some 'wallflowers' just as in civilian life, but it's a question of a girl being shy, not of the uniform she's wearing."

USE THE 'PHONE TOO MUCH

Too many separated husbands and wives are using the long-distance telephone services every night between London and other parts of the country.

The Postmaster-General has asked that the telephone should not be used during air raids except in cases of urgency.

It is being found, however, that wives evacuated from London and other raided areas seemingly cannot resist having a long sentimental chat over the telephone with their husbands.

Women Blamed

Wives are regarded as the worst offenders, for they invariably initiate the calls from their reception or neutral areas to London and other places where there are raids in progress.

Daytime chatting on the phone, especially by housewives, is another flagrant example of ignoring the Post Office appeal for a more judicious use of the telephone in wartime.

BATHS FOR SHELTERERS

Free baths are being provided by Westminster City Council for people bombed from their homes and now using public shelters.

LOVERS OF 17 DIE

Sweethearts, both aged seventeen, were found dead lying side by side in a gas-filled room in Golf Road, Deal.

They were Charles William Thornton, whose home is in Yorkshire, and Lydia Rose Kemp, who lived with her parents at Sholden, near Deal. Since he went to Deal young Thornton had been working with the N.A.A.F.I.

Borrowed Key

He borrowed the key of the house in Golf Road from his sister, who rented the house. When the police went to the house they found the back door slightly ajar.

When they entered the ground-floor room the house smelled of gas.

All the gas taps in the room were full on, but the gas had run out.

M.P. AMONG WOUNDED

Second-Lieutenant Bartle Bull, Conservative M. P. for Enfield since 1935, is among fifteen officers mentioned in War Office Casualty List No. 124.

Mr. Bull, whose name is among six officers reported wounded, is the eldest son of Mr. W. Perkins Bull, wealthy Canadian K. C.

He married in 1931 Miss Rosemary Baur, who was then described as the richest debutante in Chicago.

GIRLS TO WEAR ANKLE LOVE-BADGES

Military badges chained round the ankle will be the summer fashion for girls whose lovers are in the fighting Services.

"Most girls prefer to wear metal badges similar to those of their boy friends rather than miniatures," the secretary of a badge-making firm said. "This has meant turning out thousands more badges though our output is always over a million a year."

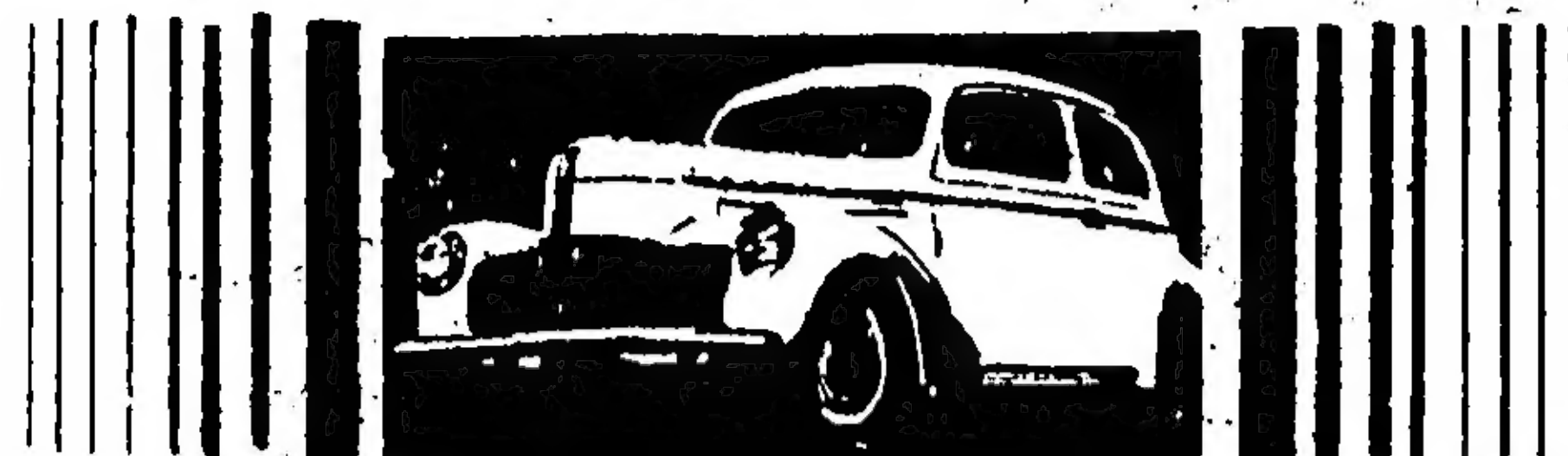
"We are now designing new clips so that girls can wear the badges in their hair and on their ankles."

"Souvenir hunters," he added, "are starting to collect as many different badges as they can, and some are wearing a string of them on their belts."

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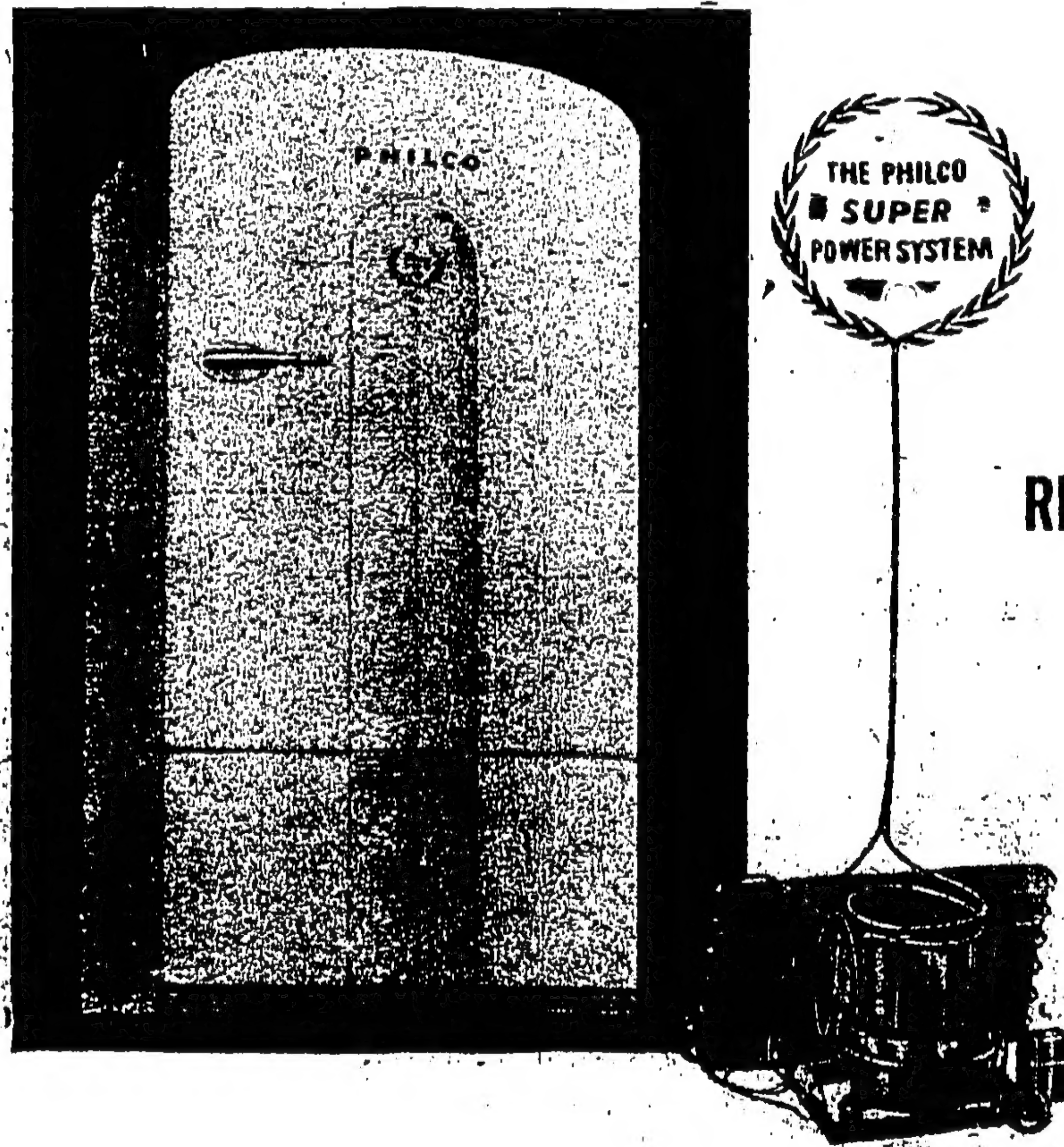
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Canton	Mar. 29
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 1st March)	Mar. 30
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Straits and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service"—(Complete Mail) by Sea from Singapore	Apr. 1
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Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 28th March	Apr. 4
Sandakan	Apr. 5
Sandakan	Apr. 5
Swatow	Apr. 6
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 21st March)	Apr. 11
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SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Saigon	10.30 a.m.
Saigon	4.30 p.m.
Straits and Rangoon	5.30 p.m.
Manila, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	5.30 p.m.
Canton	5.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."

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K.P.O. & G.P.O.	
Parcels	29th 8.00 p.m.
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Ord.	31st 10.30 a.m.
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K.P.O. & G.P.O.

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Ord.	2.30 p.m.
Ceylon, India and East Africa	3.30 p.m.
Straits, Rangoon & Calcutta	3.30 p.m.
Manila, Madang, Salamaua, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Sydney.	
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Parcels	4.00 p.m.
Reg.	5.00 p.m.
Ord.	5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.	
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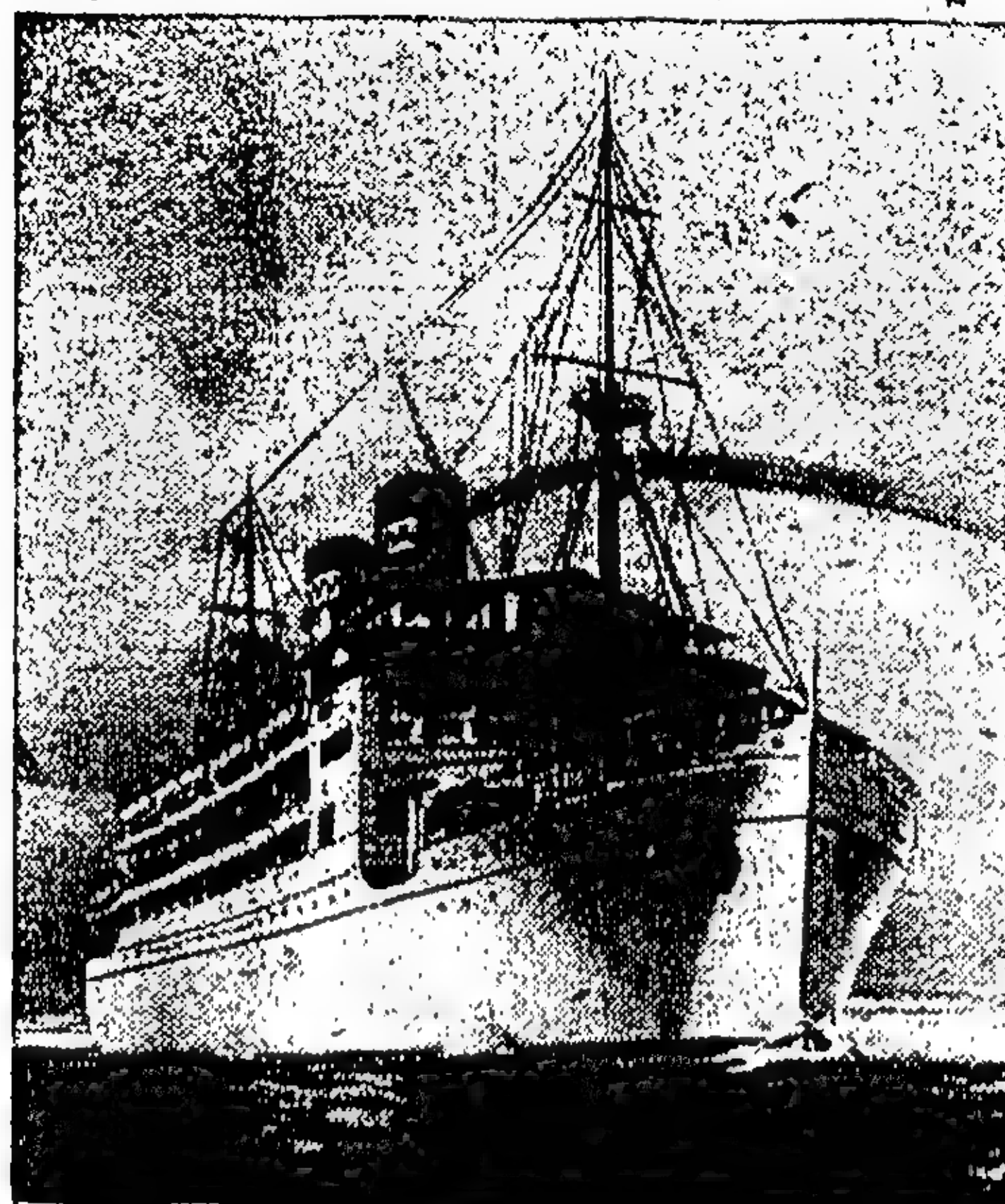
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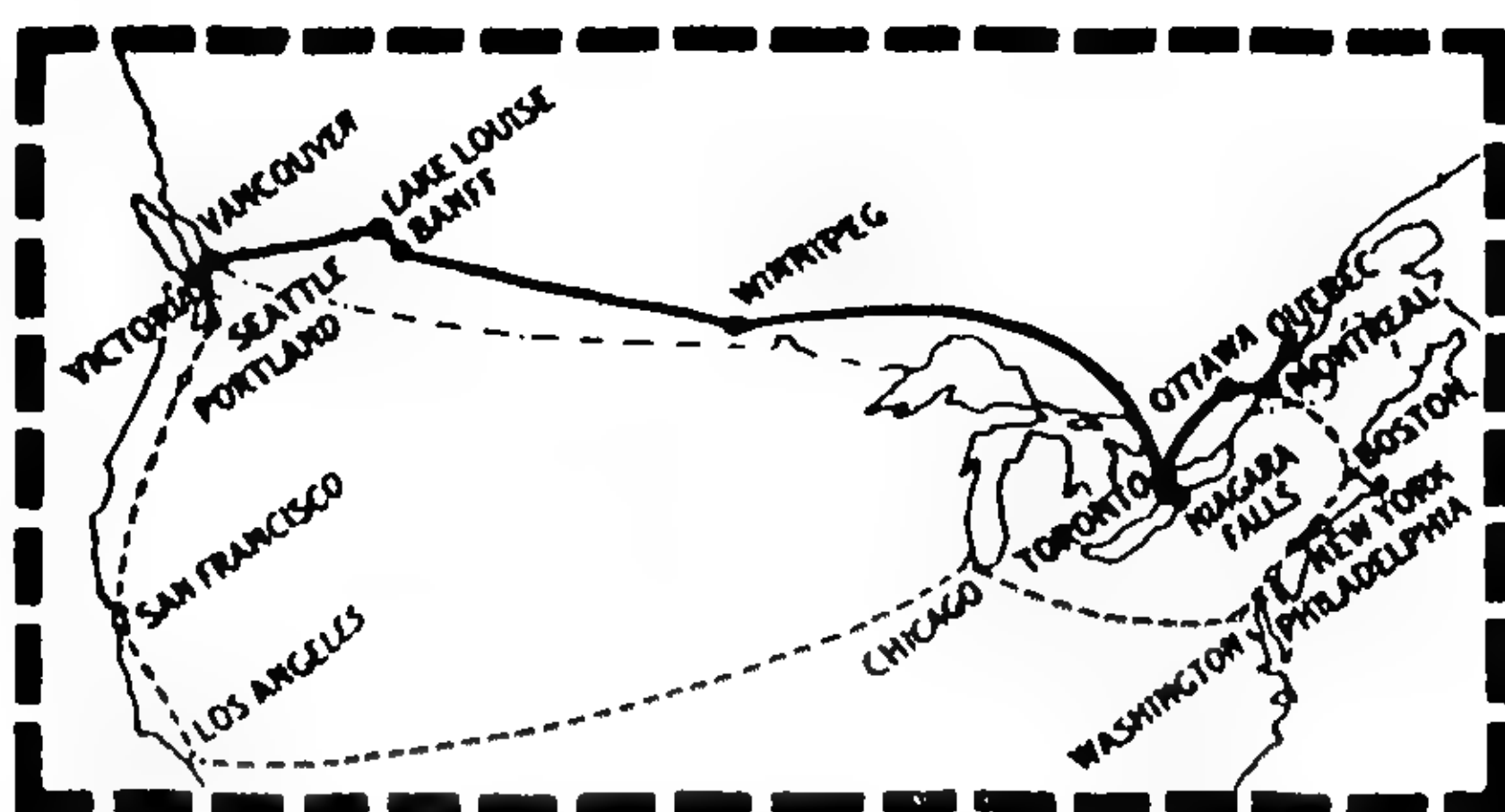
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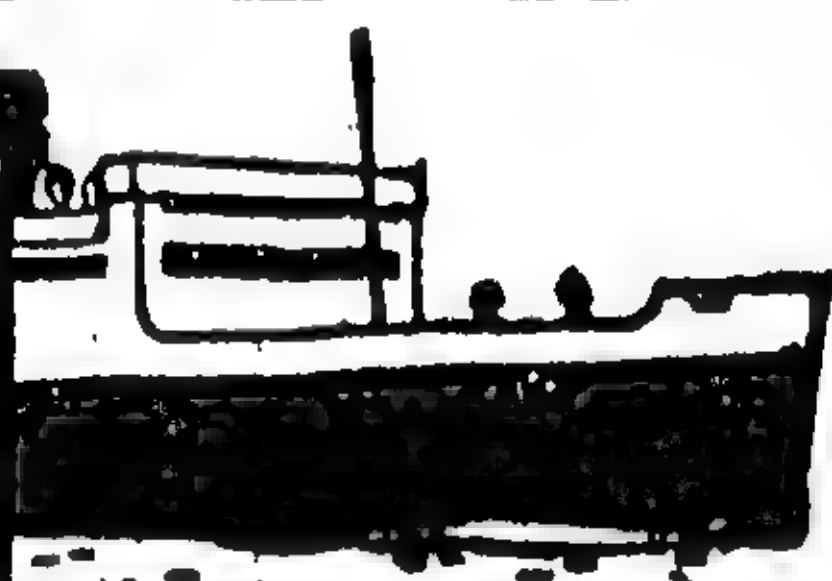
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HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

4. RECRUITS' MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Fri. 4th Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
Orderly Medical Officer—Lieut. S. Bard.

2. APPOINTMENTS

Extract from Government Gazette No. 21 dated 21.3.41.

"No. 323—The following gentlemen relinquish their appointments on the Personal Staff of H. E. Lieutenant-General E. F. Norton, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., as from March 13th, 1941:—

Captain H. A. de B. Botelho, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Honorary Aide-de-Camp.
Lieutenant G. P. Ferguson, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Honorary Aide-de-Camp.
17th March, 1941.

3. PARADES

(a) CORPS ARTILLERY

i. 1st Battery

Tues. 1st Apr. H. Q. 2.15 p.m. All Sections. Bty. training at D'Aguilar. Dress as usual (jacket, trousers, equipment).

Thurs. 3rd April. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. B.C.A's. Miniature Range. Dress—Muff. Signalling Class. Signalling. Dress—Muff.

ii. 2nd Battery

Thurs. 3rd Apr. (i) Belchers. 9 a.m. Right Sec. Gun drill, dummy loader and classes. Dress as usual for all-day training. (ii) H.Q. 9 a.m. Left Sec. Kit inspection. Usual dress as for all-day training. All clothing, equipment and books issued must be brought to this parade. Clothing and equipment to be properly marked with owner's name and number. (iii) D.E.L. School. 9 a.m. D.E.L. Section. D.E.L. training. Usual dress for all day training. (iv) H.Q. for Bluff Head. 2.15 p.m. All Sections. Half-day training. Usual dress for All day training.

iii. 3rd Battery.

Thurs. 3rd Apr. H.Q. 2.15 p.m. All Sections. For Aberdeen. Dress—S.D. cap, cardigan, shirt, shorts, puttees, boots, equipment. Haversack, steel helmet and water bottle to be carried.

Fri. 4th D.E.L. School. 5.30 p.m. D.E.L. Sec. Engine training. Dress—Overalls.

iv. 4th Battery

Tues. 1st Apr. H.Q. 8 a.m. All Sections. General Battery drill & instruction. Dress—S.D. cap, shirt, shorts, cardigan, puttees, boots, web belt, steel helmet. Greatcoat (if necessary).

v. 5th A.A. Battery

Tues. 1st Apr. H.Q. (i) 8.30 a.m. No. 1 Sec. All day training at Saiwan. Dress—S.D. cap, cardigan, shirt, trousers, boots, full web equipment, steel helmet, gas respirator. (ii) 5.30 p.m. No. 2 Sec. Lecture. Dress—Muff.

Thurs. 3rd Apr. H.Q. (i) 8.30 a.m. No. 2 Sec. All day training at Saiwan. Dress as for No. 1 Sec. on Tues. 1st. (ii) 5.30 p.m. No. 1 Sec. Lecture. Dress—Muff.

(b) FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS

Mon. 31st Mar. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Company drill.

Thurs. 3rd Apr. K.C.R. 9.30 a.m.

Technical training by Sections. Dress as usual.

(c) CORPS SIGNALS

Mon. 31st Mar. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. (i) Classification Group training in procedure. (ii) Remainder. Lamp signalling from Peak.

Wed. 2nd Apr. H.Q. 2 p.m. (i) Classification Group. Field training. (ii) Remainder. Area communications exercise. (iii) Evening parade at 5.10 p.m. Signal training in groups as detailed.

Fri. 4th Apr. H.Q. 2 p.m. W/T Class will parade at H.Q. at 1.45 p.m. (ii) Remainder. Field training. (iii) Evening parade at 5.10 p.m. Signal training in groups as detailed.

(d) MOBILE COLUMN

Mon. 31st Mar. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. (i) Nos. 1 and 2 Pns. Classes A. B. V.G. T.O.E.T. & Mechanism. Classes C.D. L.G. T.O.E.T. & Elementary Mechanism. Class E. Driving instruction Hung Hom. 5.30 p.m. (ii) Nos. 3 & 4 Pns. Driving instruction Hung Hom. 5.30 p.m. (iii) No. 5 Platoon. Class A. Indication and recognition. Classes B, C. Immediate Action. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. (iv) Dress—All Pns. Overalls, R.T.R. caps. (v) Those who have not already handed in their respirators must hand them in to the C.Q.M.S. on this parade.

Wed. 2nd Apr. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. All Pns. Dress—Drill order. R.T.R. Caps.

Fri. 4th Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All Pns. (i) Nos. 1 and 2 Pns. Anti Gas drill and gas chamber. S.B.R. will be drawn under C.Q.M.S. Butler. (ii) Nos. 3 and 4 Pns. V.G. Class I. Advanced handling. Class II. Mechanism. Class III. Stripping and Assembly. (iii) No. 5 Pln. Anti-gas Drill. (iv) Dress—Overalls, R.T.R. caps.

(e) NO. 1 COMPANY

Sun. 30th Mar. Kowloon City Range. 9 a.m. Rifle course Parts 1 and 2. Those who have not yet fired and/or qualified. Dress as for Monday parades less water bottle and haversack. Rifles will be drawn on Sat. morning.

Mon. 31st Mar. H.Q. 2.15 p.m. Dress as for Mon. 24th. plus slacks. Pln. areas and arrangement.

Tues. 1st Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Weapon training.

Fri. 4th Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Weapon training.

(f) NO. 2 COMPANY

Sun. 30th Mar. Kowloon City Range. 9 a.m. Rifle Course. Tables A and B. Dress—Muff. Equipment, belt, braces, pouches. All who did not fire in October last must do so on this date.

Tues. 1st Apr. Kowloon Dock 5.30 p.m. No. 6 Pln. L.G. training.

Wed. 2nd Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 7 Pln. Weapon training.

Sat. 5th Apr. Tactical exercise as detailed in Company circular.

(g) NO. 3 COMPANY

Sun. 30th Mar. Kowloon City B Range. 9.15 a.m. Those detailed.

Mon. 31st Mar. H.Q. 2 p.m. Company parade. Dress—cap, shorts (cardigan in haversack).

Thurs. 3rd April. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.

(h) NO. 4 COMPANY

Tues. 1st Apr. Murray Parade Ground. 5.15 p.m. Recruits and those detailed from Classes 9 and 10.

Wed. 2nd Apr. H.Q. 8 a.m. Half day training at War Stations. Dress—Battle Order, S.D. cap. Fri. 4th April. Murray Parade Ground. 5.15 p.m. Recruits and those detailed from Classes 9 and 10.

(i) NO. 5 COMPANY

Sun. 30th Mar. Stonecutters. Part II M.G. for those who have not yet fired. Launch leaves Queen's Pier 8.15 a.m. and Kowloon Pier 8.30 a.m. Dress—Boots, trousers, shirt, S.D. cap and webbing equipment. Range Officer—Lt. J. M. M. Alves.

Mon. 31st Mar. No parade.

Tues. 1st Apr. T.E.O.T. Tests 1 and 2. L.G. Sections. Elementary Mechanism. Backward and forward actions.

(j) NO. 6 COMPANY

Tues. 1st Apr. All those who did not attend parade on Fri. 28th will fall in at H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Box respirators to be drawn. Gas Chamber test.

Fri. 4th Apr. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Whole day parade. Recreio Football Ground. Dress as before.

(k) NO. 7 COMPANY

Mon. 31st Mar. H.Q. 5.45 p.m. L.G. training. Possible stoppages.

Fri. 4th Apr. H.Q. 8.15 a.m. for training at D'Aguilar. Dress—Fighting Order, S.D. cap.

(l) ARMY SERVICE CORPS COMPANY

Sun. 30th Mar-Sat. 5th Apr. inclusive. Transport and Supplies Sections on duty as detailed under Company arrangements. Dress as ordered.

Tues. 1st Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed. L.G. instruction class.

Thurs. 3rd Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade (i) Arms drill revision. Those detailed. Dress—Overalls and S.D. cap (ii) L.G. revision. Those detailed. Dress—Overalls and S.D. cap.

Daily Duty Officers as detailed by C. O. Company.

Sun. 20th Apr. All day exercise. Details later.

(m) FIELD AMBULANCE

There will be no parade next week.

(n) PAY SECTION

Fri. 4th Apr. H.Q. 2.30 p.m. Dress—Muff.

(o) FORTRESS SIGNAL COMPANY

Thurs. 3rd Apr. Exchange Building. 4.14 p.m. Island communications. Lecture by Col. Levett, C.S.O.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

Pte. C. E. Stewart, Mob. Co. 1, 21.3.41. Pte. J. C. Brown, No. 2 Coy., 27.3.41.

STRENGTH-INCREASE

Gnr. Leung Hon-ming, 4th Bty., 5.3.41. Gnr. F. J. Robinson, 2nd Bty., 24.3.41. Pte. I. H. F. Kerr, Mob. Co. 1, 24.3.41. Gnr. Lo Ying-yuen, 4th Bty., 27.3.41. Signm. W. Fleming, Corps Signals, 20.3.41. Pte. A. J. W. Evans, Training Cadre, 22.3.41. Pte. J. W. MacDonald, Training Cadre, 24.3.41. Spr. C. W. Whiting, Fd. Coy. Engs., 24.3.41.

NOTICES

1. BOXING TEAM

Hong Kong Area Sports Board propose to organise a Boxing Tournament at the Lee Theatre in the first week in May.

Any member interested should communicate direct with Major Jarvis C/O H. K. Electric Co. giving full particulars.

2. OFFICERS' MESS, CANTEEN ETC.

(a) Major S. Jarvis will assume the duties of P.R.I. and P.M.C. during the absence on leave of Lt. Col. E. J. R. Mitchell.

(b) The following Committee has been formed to provide for furnishing and decorating the new Canteens at Corps H.Q.

Chairman—Major S. Jarvis, M.C., E.D.
Secretary—Lieut. T. Parkinson, Members—C.Q.M.S. V. C. Labrum.

Bdr. A. M. J. Wright.

Lt. Col. J. P. Murphy.

This Committee will meet on Wed. 9th Apr. at 5.30 p.m.

3. OFFICERS' CANES
There is a limited supply of Officers' Canes in the Mess, with Corps Crest engraved on silver top at a cost of \$5 each, obtainable from the Mess boy.

4. HONG KONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION
All members taking part in H.K.R.A. Bisley Rifle Meeting are requested to let Lt. L. B. Holmes have a record of their scores in all individual events.

AFFILIATED UNIT
Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

1. LECTURE
Fri. 4th Apr. A.R.P. Headquarters, Happy Valley. A.R.P. Lecture. Transport leaves Queen's Pier. 5.15 p.m.

There will be no other Nursing Lectures until further notice.

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L. T. A. MEETING

Presiding at the Annual Meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association yesterday, Mr. H. R. B. Hancock, the president, referred to the great loss the Association had sustained through the death of Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell. The meeting rose and observed a minute's silence in his memory.

After the election of the officers and committee it was decided that the Mixed Doubles Division be abandoned and that the other divisions be run as usual.

The date for the closing of the entries was fixed for April 16 and Club secretaries were reminded to send in their entries by that date. The League would start on May 19.

Following were the officials elected:

President:—Mr. H. R. B. Hancock.

Vice-President:—Mr. Ng Sze-kwong.

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Hon. League Secretary:—Mr. L. R. Ildefonso.

Executive Committee:—Mr. E. de Sousa, Mr. A. el Arculli, Mr. T. F. Lo, Capt. C. H. R. Hyde.

SAINT'S-INDIANS CLASH TOMORROW

By "Grandstand"

SPOTLIGHTING THE Senior League triple bill for to-morrow will be the St. Joseph's-Indian Softballers clash slated for 11.45 a.m. at the Kowloon Football Club ground, whilst the Recreio Aces will be featured in a double-header when they take on the Filipinos at 10 a.m. and the Chinese Baseballers at 12.45 p.m.

The Saints will start with the odds slightly in their favour when they tangle with Ahwoo Omar's Indians, as the Collegians seem to be hitting their batting form lately, with George "Strawberry" Souza appearing in the news again, having climbed into the 250 grade, after being in the slumps for the greater part of the season.

With one game ahead of the Indians and the Mohawks, a loss for the Saints will result in a triple tie, whilst a victory will probably mean a flag year for Dave Leonard and his outfit.

Gonzales To Pitch?

It is not yet definitely decided whether Frankie Gonzales or Charlie Manson will toe the rubber for the Collegians, although the chances are on Gonzales drawing the assignment in view of his previous performance when he pitched his team to a 2-1 nose-out over the Indians in their first encounter.

The infield line-up will be the usual Stan Leonard, first-base; Ozo Ozorio, second-base; George Souza, short-stop, and Dave Leonard at the hot-corner, whilst Hank Ali, Jindoo Hussain and Ski Powlawski will be patrolling the gardens.

Nine Good Men

Arrayed on the Indian side will be their Kassa Nazarin and "Tazun" Ismail battery. Although not a speed-ball artist, Nazarin has plenty of control in placing his shots, and is well-backed by his fielders.

"Romero" Hamet will be guarding the initial sack, with Baby Abbas and Hucklea Kitchell forming the keystone combination, whilst Obeah Arculli will be at the far turn. The Indians are not lacking in confidence, and centre-

fielder Madeen "Slim" Arculli's claim to having nine good men seems to justify their faith, as the Indians are known to be a good fielding unit, but whether they will be able to withstand the Collegian bombardment remains to be seen.

Umpires specially selected for this important tilt will be Nip Lum, who will call them behind the plate, with A. V. Gosano and Bill Woo watching the base-runners.

Back To The Fray

After a long lay-off, the Rambling Rees will be seen in action again when they cross bats with the Filipinos in the curtain-raiser.

Even in their present depleted condition, as a result of injuries to several of their players some time ago, the Rees should be able to account for the Islanders. Talong Amper and Bob Laurel will be the Filipino battery whilst Mickey Remedios, former Homuntin Tiger hurler, will be seen on the mound in his initial appearance this year.

In the afternoon, mentor Riri Noronha will have his hands full when the Aces meet the Chinese Baseballers. Although neither game will affect the League standing of the Ramblers, it is understood that their regular line-up will be fielded against the Lumen as a tryout for the next game with their rivals, St. Joseph's.

Belated Rally

Sparked by the fire-ball hurling of Denham Cray, the Chinese Baseballers have started a late season rally, and will go the limit in this game, to give the cash

SOFTBALL PROGRAMME

Following is the Softball League programme for to-morrow:—

SENIOR LEAGUE
(At the Kowloon F.C. Ground)
Recreio Aces v Filipinos (10.00 a.m.)
(Bill Woo, Wally Welford and George White.)
St. Joseph's v Indians (11.15 a.m.)
(Nip Lum, A. V. Gosano and Bill Woo.)
Recreio Aces v Chinese Baseballers (12.30 p.m.)
(A. R. Kitchell, K. Nazarin and Al Leonard.)

customers their money's worth. Umpires for the first game will be Bill Woo, Wally Welford and George White, whilst A. R. Kitchell, Kassa Nazarin and Al Leonard will officiate in the second tussle.

Ladies' International

With the completion of the Ladies' League fixtures last week, attention among lady softballers is now centred on the forthcoming international series, as evidenced by the many practices held at national units.

At a recent meeting held at the Club de Recreio, A. V. Gosano, former flashy third-sacker of the Recreio Aces, was elected manager of the Portuguese contingent, with C. M. "Donald Duck" Xavier and Riri Noronha as "aides," whilst Irene Pereira has been appointed secretary for the team.

The Great Britain squad is also coming along fine, the latest additions to the team being the Yolie sisters of the Wahoo clan. Jackie Anderson who was originally down to do hindsnatching duties for the team, is now unable to turn out for the team, as a result of a severe knee injury sustained during her last game against the Baby Panthers.

Fountain Pen For "Nip"

As a mark of appreciation, the Wildcats presented coach Nip Lum with a handsome fountain pen for his untiring energy in coaching the team to the Championship, which they wrested from the Canadian Chinese last week. Unfortunately, however, Abe Liu, manager of the team, who was called away on business the day before the game, was unable to see his team's success, of which a large share has been due to him. The presentation was made at the Wildcat "victory" party which was held at "business-manager" Kenny Wong's residence, last Sunday, which was incidentally, Kenny's birthday anniversary.

RECREIO TO MEET I.R.C.

After their convincing display against Craigen-gower Cricket Club last Saturday, when they won by 125 runs, Indian R.C. should give another good account of themselves in their Senior League encounter with Recreio at King's Park to-day.

It is doubtful, however, whether the I.R.C. batting is strong enough to force a win, though they should be able to be somewhere near it if A. R. Minu should strike form with the ball and skittle the Gosanos out cheaply enough for a small Recreio total.

Recreio, however, will be playing on their own ground and that is always an advantage. In any case some good cricket should be seen with a draw the most likely result.

Civil Service will be at home to University in the only other Senior League fixture of the afternoon and a close game should be seen, while Kowloon C.C. juniors should not have any difficulty in taking the points in their Second Division engagement against C.S.C.C.

Following are to-day's matches, with some of the selected teams:—

FIRST DIVISION
Recreio v. I.R.C.
C.S.C.C. v. University
SECOND DIVISION
K.C.C. v. C.S.C.C.
FRIENDLIES
D. S. Robb's XI v. T. A. Pearce's Army XI
C.C.C. v. St. Joseph's

K.C.C. 2nd XI:—S. A. Gray (Capt.), E. Curtis, T. A. Madar, K. M. Baxter, W. C. Hung, W. L. Rapley, R. J. Fenton, C. A. Goodban, G. E. Taylor, H. Brokenshire and L. R. Burch. Reserve, Major W. W. Parsons; scorer, R. Leigh.
C.C.C. XI:—A. M. Omar (Capt.), O. M. Omar, S. Leonard, W. Leonard, E. H. Esmail, U. H. Esmail, L. Choa, A. Hung, T. Lock, T. Edgar and S. R. Solina.

C.S.C.C. 1st XI:—J. E. Richardson (Capt.), K. J. Attwell, F. Baker, W. H. Colledge, T. V. N. Fortescue, B. C. K. Hawkins, A. E. Perry, R. H. Griffiths, E. W. Pudney, N. Whitley and A. M. J. Wright.
C.S.C.C. 2nd XI:—H. E. Strange (Capt.), G. Ainslie, J. Barrow, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, J. Mitchell, J. F. MacGowan, N. L. Smith, G. Stone and A. Watson.

D. S. Robb's XI:—D. S. Robb, C. W. E. Bishop, H. J. Armstrong, N. D. Becker, G. J. P. Carey, J. Hackney, W. G. Plunne, A. K. Mackenzie, D. O. Parsons, E. W. Pudney and R. S. W. Paterson.



RAPIER'S SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY

Race No. 1
IRON BEAUTY
ODEON
LOVELY VIEW
Outsider:—So. Nice.

Race No. 2
JENNIFER
JOBER
EVE OF PEACE
Outsider:—Blue Diamond

Race No. 3
ORACLE
COLOOMA
FIRST LOVE
Outsider:—Gloaming

Race No. 4
SAPPER
UNITED EXPRESS
DISTANT VIEW
Outsider:—Viceroy

Race No. 5
CONNIEBER
ROWAN
CONTACT
Outsider:—Springhurst

Race No. 6
VELVETLIGHT
CHARLESBER
WORLD FAIR VIEW
Outsider:—Johnber

Race No. 7
DEVONIAN
A SURPRISING TIME
HAPPY RETURNS
Outsider:—Venus Bay

Race No. 8
GALVESTON BAY
EMERGENCY UNIT
ROSE EVELYN
Outsider:—Musketeer

Race No. 9
HUGHBER
AVON
LILLIBER
Outsider:—Humdrum Eve
DAILY DOUBLE:—CONNIEBER and DEVONIAN.

Following is a complete survey of racing at the Valley this year, giving the time, first three ponies, their jockeys and weights, won by and when—A.M. stands for Annual Meeting, and 1 or 2 means first or second day:

AUSTRALIAN GRIFFINS, 1941

HALF MILE & 170 YARDS
1.01.1—Distant View (Ph, 152); 2, Fleetwing (Poy, 152); 3, Misty View (Botelho, 152); 5 and 2. A.M.3.
1.02.0—Starlight (Moller, 152); 2, Nomine Poenae (Chao, 152); 3, Hascossay (Davis, 152); 1/2 and short head, A.M.4.
1.02.2—Gloaming (Poy, 152); 2, Hascossay (Davis, 152); 3, Locust Standl (Sokoloff, 152); 3 and short head, A.M.5.

6 FURLONGS
1.18.2—Distant View (Ph, 152); 2, Vixen Tor (Sokoloff, 152); 3, Starlight (Moller, 152); 3 and 5. A.M.1.
ONE MILE
1.48.3—A Luxurious Time (Hearne, 152); 2, Prairie View (Ph, 152); 3, National Courage (Tao, 152); 3 and 2. A.M.5.

1.50.3—Mainsall (Black, 152); 2, A Rosy Time (Hearne, 149); 3, The Koala Bear (Tang, 152); 5 and 1/2. A.M.3.
1.51.0—A Happy Time (Holden, 152); 2, Fleetwing (Poy, 152); 3, Coloona (Black, 152); 5 and short head, A.M.1.
1 MILE 171 YARDS
2.00.3—Fleetwing (Poy, 152); Starlight (Moller, 152); 3, Mountain View (Ph, 152); 3 and 1. A.M.2.

1 1/4 MILES
2.19.3—Coloona (Black, 152); 2, Oracle (Needa, 149); 3, Prairie View (Ph, 152); Short head and 3. A.M.3.
2.19.4—First Love (Liang, 152); 2, Prairie View (Ph, 152); 3, Marsh Warbler (Black, 152); 3 and short head, A.M.1.
1 1/2 MILES
2.54.1—Distant View (Ph, 152); 2, Oracle (Needa, 151); 3, First Love (Liang, 152); Many, and 3. A.M.2.

1 3/4 MILES
3.25.1—Marsh Warbler (Black, 152); 2, Mountain View (Ph, 152); 3, National Courage (Tao, 152); 2 1/2 and many, A.M.4.

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HALF MILE
51.1—Moonlight (Noodt, 149); 2, Bona Vacantia (Sokoloff, 152); 3, Fresh Air (Ip Kui-ying, 149); 2 and short head, A.M.2.
54.1—Bendemeer (Needa, 152); 2, Royal Sovereign (Noodt, 152); 3, Newborn Star (Craven, 152); 2 and 4. A.M.2.

6 FURLONGS
1.18.4—United Express (Ip Kui-ying, 152); 2, Fresh Air (Woo, 149); 3, Newborn Star (Craven, 152); 5 and 1/2. A.M.1.
1.19.4—Amulet Star (Craven, 152); 2, Black Seal (Chao, 152); 3, A Surprising Time (Holden, 152); Neck and short head, A.M.1.
1.19.4—National Welfare (Tao, 152); 2, Happy Returns (Wei, 149); 3, Vitamin M (Black, 152); Head and head, A.M.1.

1.20.2—Maple Leaf (Noodt, 149); 2, Optima Fide (Sokoloff, 152); Fresh Air (Needa, 149); 1 1/2 and 3. A.M.3.
1.47.4—Corsair (Botelho, 149); 2, Bona Vacantia (Lee, 152); 3, Daylight (Wei, 152); 2 and 3. E.I.
1.47.4—Optima Fide (Chao, 152); 2, Sydney Lady (Hearne, 152); 3, A Rosy Time (Black, 149); Half length and a neck, E.I.

1.44.0—Oracle (Needa, 150); Nomine Poenae (Chao, 152); 3, Prairie View (Ph, 152); 1 1/2 and 6. E.I. (Record).
1.44.2—Conniebar (Chao, 151); 2, Devonian (Black, 142); 3, Rowan (Hearne, 160); 2 and a neck, E.I.
1.40.1—Black Seal (Needa, 152); 2, The Koala Bear (Tang, 152); 3, Bendigo (Black, 152); Half-length and 1 1/2 length, E.I.

1.44.3—Shuttlecock (Black, 159); 2, Venus Bay (Needa, 159); 3, Cocklerol (Davis, 139); A neck and 3. E.I.
ONE MILE
1.40.0—Manhattan (Hearne, 149); Jus Gentium (Sokoloff, 150); 3, Endeavour (Wei, 152); 4 and 3. A.M.1.
1.40.0—Endeavour (Moller, 152); 2, Mainsall (Yuen, 152); 3, A Surprising Time (Black, 152); 1 1/2 and 4. A.M.4.

1.49.2—Jus Gentium (Black, 149); 2, Snow White (Ph, 149); 3, Seal River (Hearne, 149); 2 and 3. E.I.
1.51.0—A Surprising Time (Black, 152); 2, Black Seal (Moller, 152); 3, Corsair (Botelho, 149); 3 and 3. A.M.5.
1.52.0—United Express (Ip Kui-ying, 152); 2, Tien Tien (Sung, 150); 3, Casino (Tang Man-wa, 149); Many and 2. A.M.2.

1.53.0—Lex Fort (Sokoloff, 152); 2, Sydney Lady (Hearne, 152); 3, Bugle (Moller, 149); 1 1/2 and 1 1/2. A.M.4.
1 MILE 171 YARDS
2.00.0—Dutch Treat (Botelho, 152); 2, Black Seal (Chao, 152); 3, Bugle (Wei, 149); Short head and 1/2. A.M.2.

2.02.2—Happy Returns (Chao, 149); 2, Santa Anita (Liang, 152); 3, Sydney Lady (Hearne, 152); 1 and 2. A.M.3.
1 1/4 MILES
2.22.2—King's Flight (Needa, 152); 2, Lex Fort (Sokoloff, 152); 3, Bugle (Moller, 149); 4 and 1 1/2. A.M.3.
2.30.2—Santa Anita (Liang, 152); 2, King's Flight (Needa, 153); 3, Corsair (Botelho, 150); 3 and 2. A.M.2.

1 1/2 MILES
2.49.0—United Express (Ip, 152); 2, Endeavour (Moller, 152); 3, Jus Gentium (Sokoloff, 150); 1 1/2 and 1/2. A.M.3.
TWO MILES
3.55.1—Never-Never (Black, 152); 2, Santa Anita (Liang, 152); 3, Corsair (Botelho, 149); 2 and many, A.M.4.

AUSTRALIAN OLD PONIES

6 FURLONGS
1.18.0—Viceroy (Black, 147); 2, Far View (Ph, 159); 3, Brown Derby (Treverton, 135); Head and short head, A.M.3.
ONE MILE
1.40.2—Sapper (Davis, 159); 2, Far View (Ph, 159); 3, Viceroy (Black, 152); 3 and 2 1/2. A.M.1.
1.50.3—Catterlock Bridge (Chao, 149); 2, Venus Bay (Needa, 159); 3, Cheerful Star (Tao, 154); 1 1/2 and 1. A.M.3.

1.52.2—Longdon (Noodt, 135); 2, Roofly (Needa, 159); 3, A. Good Time (Chang, 135); 5 and 2. A.M.4.
1.56.0—Many Thanks (Hearne, 159); 2, Vixen Tor (Noodt, 147); 3, Pumpernickel (Tao, 153); Many and 4. A.M.2.
1 MILE 171 YARDS
1.59.1—Fair Chance (Wei, 146); 2, Springhurst (Poy, 148); 3, Vixen Tor (Noodt, 143); 1 1/2 and short head, A.M.1.

TWO MILES
3.39.1—Endeavour (Wei, 145); 2, Australian Diamond (Chang, 150); 3, Viceroy (Black, 154); 4 and 3. E.I.
3.51.4—Brutus (Treverton, 135); 2, Springhurst (Poy, 149); 3, Conqueror (Chang, 149); 3 and 1/2. A.M.4.
3.54.3—Centre Court (Noodt, 146); 2, Venus Bay (Needa, 159); 3, Colorado Star (Davis, 135); 1 1/2 and many, A.M.5.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

1/4 MILES
2.17.0—Sapper (Davis, 152); 2, Distant View (Ph, 152); 3, Viceroy (Black, 152); 3 and 5. A.M.4.
2.18.1—United Express (Ip Kui-ying, 152); 2, Jus Gentium (Sokoloff, 150); 3, Happy Returns (Chao, 151); 3 and 1/2. A.M.5.

NEW CHINA PONIES
6 FURLONGS
1.23.3—Oolong (Needa, 152); 2, Lovelyleight (Noodt, 152); 3, Falber (Chao, 152); 3 and 4. A.M.1.
1.24.4—Charlesber (Chao, 152); 2, Iron Beauty (Wei, 152); 3, Odeon (Sequeira, 152); 4 and many, E.I.

1.26.0—Falber (Chao, 152); 2, Sara's Choice (Black, 149); 3, Wonderful Scheme (Sokoloff, 152); 1 and 1. A.M.4.
ONE MILE
1.58.1—Velvetlight (Moller, 159); 2, Oolong (Pollock, 159); 3, Charlesber (Chao, 152); 1/2 and many, A.M.4.
1.59.3—World Fair View (Ph, 152); 2, Falber (Chao, 152); 3, Sam's Choice (Black, 149); Many and head, A.M.3.

2.01.0—Eve of Dancing (Wood, 154); Eve of Folly (Davis, 156); Rose June (Botelho, 149); 2 and a head, A.M.5.
2.10.4—Oolong (Sokoloff, 159); 2, Velvetlight (Moller, 159); 3, Charlesber (Chao, 152); Short head and many, A.M.3.

1 MILE, 171 YARDS
2.10.1—Sam's Choice (Black, 149); 2, Charlesber (Chao, 152); 3, Iron Beauty (Wei, 152); Short head and 3 lengths, A.M.5.
1 1/4 MILES
2.41.0—Velvetlight (Moller, 152); 2, Eve of Deception (Coppin, 156); 3, Raconteur (Wei, 152); 3 and many, A.M.1.

1 1/2 MILES
3.02.0—Oolong (Needa, 152); 2, Velvetlight (Moller, 1.2); 3, Lovelyleight (Noodt, 152); 1 and 6. A.M.2.

OLD CHINA PONIES
6 FURLONGS
1.34.3—Eve of Peace (Wood, 153); 2, Lovely Star (Fung, 159); 3, Royal Wedding Eve (Feiden, 166); 6 and many, A.M.2.
1 MILE
1.54.0—Racyleight (Noodt, 152); 2, Eve of Harvest (Davis, 152); 3, Spicyleight (Moller, 155); 1 and 1 1/2. A.M.3.

1.58.1—Hillsboro Bay (Needa, 152); 2, Hughber (Treverton, 139); 3, Lilliber (Chang, 143); Short head and head, A.M.5.
1.58.3—Conquering Time (Moller, 150); and Eve of Reason (Davis, 131); 3, Hughber (Chang, 135); Dead heat and short head, A.M.2.

1 MILE 171 YARDS
2.13.3—Gladator (Chattey, 145); 2, Potentate (Chiu Ki-fan, 149); 3, Galveston Bay (Yui, 140); 3/4 and 3. A.M.4.
2.16.2—Eve of Peace (Coppin, 1.4); 2, Eve of Hunting (Davis, 153); 3, Royal Wedding Eve (Sokoloff, 159); 4 and 2 1/2. A.M.3.

1 1/4 MILES
2.25.1—Navylight (Moller, 153); 2, Eve of Harvest (Davis, 153); 3, Confusion Bay (Needa, 150); Head and 3/4. A.M.2.
2.26.2—Confusion Bay (Black, 152); 2, Navylight (Moller, 152); 3, O-Lan (Needa, 149); 2 and 1. A.M.4.

1 3/4 MILES
3.20.1—O-Lan (Needa, 149); 2, Eve of Harvest (Davis, 149); 3, Rurford (S. W. Tang, 153); 1 and short head, A.M.1.

P. WONG, N. SMITH IMPRESS

By "Adrem"

Two facts emerged clearly from the Colony badminton matches played at Club de Recreio last night. One is that notwithstanding the influx of first-class players, it is going to take a very clever player to take Patrick Wong's title from him on his present form, while Norman Smith seems to be a pretty good bet for the singles crown.

Although the junior doubles match, which wound up the programme, was probably the best match of the evening to watch, most important were the two singles in which the players mentioned above were engaged.

Wong, in beating David Kwok who must be considered better than average in any class of local badminton, gave a most impressive display, his wizardly control and courtcraft leaving Kwok standing frequently. Wong took control right away and for the most part concentrated on the short game. He was so accurate that he was able to control the exchanges throughout, and although Kwok played pluckily, he never had a chance.

It must be mentioned, however, that Kwok played right into his opponent's hands by not clearing deep enough. He seemed unable to get the shuttle back more than three-quarter court.

Blyth Starts Well

At the outset, Wynter-Blyth was the better player in the junior match against Norman Smith, last year's runner-up. He matched his opponent at the short game and scored almost at will with a cross-court smash. Playing speedy badminton he went into a lead of 8-2 and 11-5 but then Smith's strokes started to work and with Wynter-Blyth obviously tiring fast, he quickly made up the deficit to go on and win that game, and the subsequent one with the greatest ease.

Smith's greatest assets are his youth and speedy coverage of court, while his short game and disguise of intention were, on oc-

TO-DAY'S HOCKEY

Central British Association Ladies will play a friendly hockey match with St. Andrew's Ladies at King's Park this afternoon, commencing at 3.30 p.m., while both Y.M.C.A. teams will be seen in action on their own ground.

The following will represent Y.M.C.A.:

Seconds v. Engineers (3 p.m.):—Cleggitt, Raiton, Grant, Giehrst, Ure Gorman; Macey, Ireson, Dormer, Fancey, Banks.

First v. Navy (4.15 p.m.):—Benwell, Taylor, Yourieff, Jordan, Coombe, Waldron, Smith, Olsen, Ure, Morgan, Dunne.

MANSON WINS MARATHON

Pte. Manson, of the Royal Scots, won the 20th annual Kowloon marathon yesterday in 36 mins. 45½ secs. by a few feet from Pte. Shaw (Middlesex), with Pte. Merton (Middlesex) third in 37½.

Mrs. Wittenbach presented cups to the first three.

Pte. Manson (Royal Scots)	1
Pte. Shaw (Middlesex)	2
Pte. Merton (Middlesex)	3
Sgt. Lewis (Signals)	4
Pte. Sturgess (Middlesex)	5
I.A.C. Moulton (R.A.F.)	6
Pte. Nobel (Middlesex)	7
Pte. Hughes (Middlesex)	8
C. Truax (Unattached)	9
Sgt. Lithauer (Signals)	10
Sgt. Baker (Middlesex)	11
Pte. McLean (Middlesex)	12
Pte. Caul (Middlesex)	13
Sgt. Harkinson (Signals)	14
S. N. Aromin (Kowloon Docks)	15

Soares and L/Cpl. Anderson (Middlesex) were together last.

Reasons, as they should have been junior editions of Wong's.

W. Gillies, last year's junior champion, and W. Gillies did well to beat the powerful Chung Wah combination of C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang after a stirring three-game struggle, and A. L. Fisher and H. S. Jones won the other two singles games at the expense of Peter Lo and P. C. Leong, respectively.

Following were the results:—

SENIOR SINGLES

Patrick Wong beat David Kwok 15-3, 15-2.

JUNIOR SINGLES

H. S. Jones beat K. C. Leong 6-15, 15-7, 15-12.

N. L. Smith beat P. Wynter-Blyth 15-11, 15-4.

A. L. Fisher beat P. Lo 15-4, 15-2.

JUNIOR DOUBLES

W. Gillies and J. L. Anderson beat C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang 15-6, 11-15, 17-15.

WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following are the soccer fixtures for the week ending, March 30:

To-day

First Division
Sing Tao v Club
(Club, 3.00 p.m.)
Referee:—Glover.

Second Division
Linesmen:—Copsey and Frazer.

Engineers v Kit Chee
(Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Wilson.

Kwong Wah v Service Corps
(Kowloon, 4.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Dennice.

Police v Sing Tao
(Boundary Street, 3 p.m.)
Referee:—Emmons.

Ordinance v Middlesex
(Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.)
Referee:—Fraser.

Navy v South China
(Causeway Bay, 3 p.m.)
Referee:—Baker.

Third Division
24th R.A. v Signals
(St Joseph's, 3 p.m.)
Referee:—Edwards.

Air Force v International
(Chatham Road, 3 p.m.)
Referee:—Williamson.

7th R.A. v 36th R.A.
(Military, 3 p.m.)
Referee:—Banham.

12th R.A. v Shell
(Military, 4.30 p.m.)
Referee:—King Ka-pui.

20th R.A. v Medicals
(Chatham Road, 4.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Lee Bing-tong.

A.S.A. v Engineers
(Kowloon, 3 p.m.)
Referee:—Pike.

Sunday

Governor's Cup Competition
H.K.F.A. v H.K.C.A.A.F.
(Causeway Bay, 3.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Marie.

Linesmen:—Omar and Ford.

SOCCER TEAMS

H.K.C.A.A.F.:—Sammy Tsang; Hau Yung-sang and Tse Kam-hung; Lau Chung-sang, Hsu King-seng and Soong Ling-sing; Yeung Shui-yick, Fung King-cheong, Lee Wai-tong (Capt.), Lai Shui-wing and Wong King-cheong.

Reserves:—Lee Kwok-kee, Chan Tak-fai, Leung Wing-chui, Chau Man-chi, Cheuk Shek-kam, Tang Kwong-sum, Lau Hing-chai, Kwok Ying-kee, Lee Shek-yau, Leung Pak-wai, Yau Wah-hing and Lee Wai-lam.

Managers:—Lam Chung-ho and Chau Yan-lin.

H.K.F.A.:—Bankier (Royal Scots); Roughley (Navy) and Fraser (Royal Scots) (Capt.); Freshwater (Middlesex), Bright (Middlesex) and Thomas (Middlesex); Fowler (Club), Le Page (Navy), Howlett (Police), Ferrier (Police) and Rietsen (Club).

Reserves:—Lapsley (Kowloon), Blackburn (Police), Pope (Police), Barber (Navy), Hossack (Royal Scots), Sheehan (Middlesex) and Hendy (Navy).

Team Manager:—Captain R. E. Guest.

ATTRACTIVE DOUBLES MATCH AT H.K.C.C.

By "Adrem"

THERE WAS some attractive, carefree tennis at Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday, the doubles match, in which Ho Ka-lau and K. H. Ip beat Lt. Shields Goodman and M. Pagh, being a good one to watch.

The Chinese pair were much the better doubles combination, although there were times when they showed remarkably little understanding, but their opponents, although Pagh showed his old inability to volley, played all their strokes with refreshing abandon and the exchanges were never dull.

Ip was easily the best player on the court although there were periods when he was very erratic.

In the course of the match he produced practically every stroke in the book, all executed with fluency and confidence, and he revealed extraordinary ball control.

One rally in particular comes to mind. Pagh played a running drive straight at Ip's body; this was volley-lobbed and Pagh was sent scrambling back but, in an



awkward position, he produced a steamy drive straight at Ip's feet. The latter coolly played a drop which Pagh had no chance of getting to.

Ho Ka-lau's shots lacked speed but his retrieving ability was never more marked. It was only on rare occasions that he was beaten outright.

Shields Goodman gave the impression that he might be a really first-class singles player. His service is powerful and his groundstrokes accurate and steamy, while he never lost his head in the tightest corner.

Pagh hit really hard on the forehand and also brought off some nicely-controlled and placed backhand shots, but the shortcomings in his forecourt game left himself and his partner in losing positions on numerous occasions and it was only their speed about court that enabled them to put up such a good fight.

None of the other matches provided very much of interest.

Results

Following were the complete results:

SINGLES

A. Crawford beat C. S. Lee 6-1, 6-2.

Wei Chung beat S. T. Chau 6-2, 6-1.

DOUBLES

G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall beat B. and I. Agafuroff 7-5, 3-6, 6-4.

Ho Ka-lau and K. H. Ip beat M. Pagh and Shields Goodman 6-4, 6-3.

I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu beat J. S. Theobald and P. J. Skipworth 6-2, 6-3.

CLUB HANDICAP

C. H. R. Oxlade beat P. J. Eldor 6-3, 9-7.

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WELL, MR. MATSUOKA?

'Daily Express' Message To Japanese Foreign Minister

SUBMARINE SINKS ITALIAN TRANSPORT

Greek Army Headquarters confined the war news last night to a brief announcement of normal action by patrols and artillery, together with a successful bombing attack by Greek aircraft on Italian installations. It adds all Greek aircraft returned safely.

According to Athens radio a submarine has destroyed a 5,000-ton Italian transport and seriously damaged another smaller steamer. — Reuter.

HEMINGWAY OFF TO THE FRONT

Mr. Ernest Hemingway, well-known American journalist and correspondent for the newspaper P.M., who arrived at Shikwan from Hong Kong a few days ago, left yesterday for the front on an inspection tour, accompanied by a number of officers of the

Will Sense What Is Going On In Europe

THE LONDON "DAILY EXPRESS," IN A LEADING ARTICLE YESTERDAY, SAYS "WELL, MR. MATSUOKA, YOU HAVE CHOSEN AN INTERESTING TIME TO COME TO EUROPE."

"You are here the very day that this Continent has made one of its rare discoveries. A nation has found its soul."

"You are an astute man, Mr. Matsuoka. You will sense what is going on."

"For years in a tired and puzzled world the people have not counted. In Germany, Italy and Japan itself, the rulers have made hay of old frontiers. It paid to have a dictatorship in the 1930's. Amid all the pandemonium peoples are stretching themselves and are waking up again. What happens in one country has a way of happening all over the world at once."

Tide Turning

"When peoples get thoughts of their own they sling out the dictators, who can't think of anything but making war."

"THE TIDE IS TURNING. A HELMSMAN WHO WANTS TO KEEP THE WHEEL WILL ALTER THE COURSE."

military headquarters.

Mr. Hemingway is expected to spend a week at the front and then to resume his journey to Chungking. — Central News.

"A Nazi pact with Yugoslavia is announced and goes up instantly in the blistering smoke of a people's anger."

"The same week a pact by which the British Empire leases sea and air bases to the United States is signed."

"Both sides to this pact are determined that it shall be a lasting reality. Much more depends on it than the safety of either." — Reuter.

JAPAN TO LEND WARSHIPS?

A possible hint of the real purpose of Mr. Matsuoka's current visit to Berlin — the loan of Japanese warships to Germany — is seen in comment by the conservative Tokyo newspaper Asahi.

The paper says: "Germany has great expectations of the future role of the Japanese navy."

Obvious technical difficulties in transferring Japanese warships into German and Italian hands could easily be overcome. German crews could be transported via Siberia to some North China port, which remains technically neutral and outside the Axis alliance, and there board such warships as the Japanese navy might feel it could spare.

It would not be necessary to sail these vessels to German ports or even into the Atlantic, as there is enough British and Allied shipping in the southern Pacific to afford a tempting target for Axis naval depredations. — Reuter.

RAIDS ON ETHIOPIA RAILWAYS

A further heavy bombing attack on the Addis Ababa-Djibouti railway on Thursday is described in a British Middle East G.H.Q. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

Fifty miles east of the Abyssinian capital, the communique says, a troop train was machine-gunned and damaged.

South African aircraft also successfully bombed an enemy camp north of Lake Rudolf.

Rhodes Raided

In air operations over the Dodecanese Islands, in the eastern Mediterranean, the R.A.F. attacked aerodromes at Calato, on the island of Rhodes, and set fire to buildings on the aerodrome and petrol dumps, causing a smoke cloud visible 100 miles away.

At least one aircraft was destroyed on the ground, while the R.A.F. suffered no losses. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

The following appointments are gazetted:—

Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell to be an Unofficial Member of the Executive Council.

Mr. C. K. S. Smith to be Acting Sub-Lieut. in the H.K.N.V.F.

Miss Lo Chung Fai to be a Temporary Public Vaccinator.

Misses Bessie Cheng and Mel Ying Yung to be Inspectors of Muisal.



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